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Samyukt Kisan Morcha leader Darshan Pal (L) and others at a press conference near Singhu border in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

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TRACTOR MARCH POSTPONED, BUT PROTESTS TO CONTINUE

Farmers postpone Monday's Parliament march, but agitation will continue till demands, including the one on MSP, are met

UNIONS LIST PENDING DEMANDS FOR CENTRE

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha, which is heading the stir against the three farm bills, has said it welcomes Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to repeal the bills and is urging fulfillment of six other demands, including a statutory guarantee of Minimum Support Price, withdrawal of the draft Electricity Amendment Bill and suspension of Union Minister Ajay Mishra

STUBBLE BURNING TO BE DECRIMINALISED

- Earlier on Saturday, the Union Agriculture Minister said stubble burning has been decriminalised as per the farmers' demand
- SKM, an umbrella body of farm unions, also said Modi should direct states and Railways to withdraw cases against protesting farmers. Parliament's winter session begins on Monday | **P9**

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NEXT MEETING OF SKM TO DECIDE FARMERS' COURSE OF ACTION

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Int'l travel curbs may stay as new variant spreads

PM seeks review of plans to resume regular flights, urges states to ramp up vaccination

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

CONCERNED over the new Covid-19 variant B.1.1.529 found in South Africa that has been designated as a 'variant of concern' by the World Health Organization and named Omicron, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asked officials to review plans for easing of international travel restrictions in India.

At a comprehensive meeting to review the public health preparedness in the backdrop of Omicron, which is possibly more transmissible than the highly infectious Delta variant, the PM highlighted the need for monitoring all international arrivals, their testing as per guidelines with a specific focus on countries identified as 'at risk.'

The meeting was held a day after the civil aviation ministry said regular international passenger flights would resume operation from December 15 with certain exceptions. Countries marked as 'at risk' by the Union health ministry would continue to have restrictions on the number of weekly flights with India.

Saturday's meeting came in the backdrop of suspected Omicron cases being reported in the Netherlands and Czech Republic, and confirmed cases in Belgium, Israel, Germany, Italy and the UK, besides Hong Kong, South Africa and Botswana.

The UK, the US, the EU, Australia, Brazil, Turkey, Canada, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Oman and Thailand, among others have already banned travel from certain African countries to check potential spread.

In Saturday's meeting, the PM stressed the need to increase the second dose coverage and also asked states to ensure that all those who have got the first dose are given the second dose on time. He also directed officials to work closely with state governments so that there is proper awareness at the state and district level.

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Britain tightens Covid rules

Britain has tightened rules on foreign travellers after detecting two Omicron cases, now requiring a RCT-PCR test for arrivals. In shops & public transport, masks are now mandatory

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
Nov 26 **65,23,396 doses**
Nov 27 **73,74,792 doses**
TOTAL: 121,84,12,797

NATIONWIDE	NOV 26	NOV 27
Fresh cases	10,549	8,318
Recoveries	9,868	10,967
Deaths	488	465

KARNATAKA	NOV 26	NOV 27
Fresh cases	402	322
Recoveries	277	176
Deaths	6	3

Healthcare workers collect swab samples of a child at the Kempegowda Bus Station in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

Amid Omicron worry, state makes 2 jabs must for staff

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government has made it mandatory for those working in public places, including all government offices, malls, cinemas, libraries and other places, to get two doses of Covid vaccine. Workers who are not fully vaccinated should be sent back till their two doses are completed, the government said.

Vigil is being stepped up at airports, especially to check those arriving from abroad and from districts that share borders with Kerala and Maharashtra. The two neighbouring states have continued to witness a high number of Covid cases and travellers from there should also carry a negative RTPCR certificate.

Health officials have been told to work 24x7 in border areas to screen those entering Karnataka.

Police, revenue, and health department officials should work in three shifts and senior officials must conduct surprise checks even at nights, the government stated.

Students from Kerala, who returned to the state over the last 16 days, have to take an RT-PCR test again even though they had arrived with a negative report earlier.

On Saturday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai convened an emergency meeting with health officials, ministers, Covid advisors and other stakeholders as the state reported four virus clusters in Dharwad, Bengaluru and Mysuru over the last few days.

Bommai also held a video conference with deputy commissioners from districts that share the border with other states, especially Kerala.

MORE REPORTS: P3

Epidemiologist calls for improving vax coverage

With the new coronavirus variant raising fresh concerns, TAC member Dr Giridhara R Babu, in an explainer to TNIE, suggests some of the immediate actions the government can take. **P3**

102 more cases detected at Dharwad college

The SDM Medical College near Dharwad reported 102 new Covid cases on Saturday. With this increase, the institution has detected a total of 306 Covid-positive cases so far.

Two from SA test +ve, DC says it's Delta

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

AMID concerns over two travellers from South Africa, who arrived at the Kempegowda International Airport, testing positive for Covid, the Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Rural claimed late on Saturday evening that they are infected with the Delta variant, and not the new Omicron variant.

After reports of the two travellers testing positive emerged, the entire state and Bengaluru were on tenterhooks throughout Saturday as the genomic sequencing of the virus was awaited. There was a collective sigh of relief when the DC said that the test results had arrived earlier and they were found to be Delta variant.

However, Dr V Ravi, head of the Genome Sequencing Committee, said he is not aware of genome sequencing of samples of the two travellers and it was not done at NIMHANS. **P3**

TMC likely to skip Cong-led meet as it eyes chief Oppn role

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

IN another bid to project itself as the main anti-BJP party, the Trinamool Congress is likely to skip the meeting of opposition parties convened by the Congress on Monday for a joint strategy during the winter Parliament session, party sources said on Saturday.

"The Trinamool is not interested in coordinating with the Congress but the party has no problem in coordinating with other opposition parties," a party leader said. "In such a situation, the Trinamool will lead the alliance. The recent defection from the Congress to our party shows we are the main opposition against the Bharatiya Janta Party."

The final decision on boycotting the meeting would be taken by party supremo Mamata Banerjee, and it could arrive at a time when the rift between the Trinamool Congress and the grand old party is growing. The Trinamool Congress recently poached Congress legislators in Tripura, Meghalaya and Goa and is portraying itself as the main party confronting the BJP. "The thumping victory in the recent Assembly elections proved that the Trinamool is the main political party that decimated the BJP in Bengal despite the saffron camp's aggressive campaign," a senior Trinamool leader said.

"We are now busy spreading our footprint in national politics and building an image as the only anti-BJP political party. But the Congress is trying to portray itself as the main face of anti-BJP forces by convening the meeting, which we do not agree with," the leader added.

During her recent visit to Delhi, Banerjee did not meet interim Congress president Sonia Gandhi, but instead met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stoking speculation.

EXPRESS READ

Maharashtra tightens inter-state travel rules

Mumbai: As fears over the new Omicron variant mount, the Maharashtra government on Saturday said domestic travellers to the state must either be fully vaccinated or have a negative RT-PCR report. Arrivals from foreign countries will need to follow the Union government's directions for entry | **P9**

Drugmakers race to test vaccines against variant

The pharma majors who made vaccines for the novel coronavirus are racing to get their hands on the Omicron strain. Johnson & Johnson is already testing its shot against the strain, while AstraZeneca — which helped design Covishield — is conducting vaccine research in the African nations Botswana and Eswatini

Caring for Karwar

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BSF, BGB TO ENHANCE COOPERATION

The border guarding forces of India and Bangladesh have decided to up cooperation to check transboundary crimes.

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MIND GAMES

Soldiers may be taught to beat China in talks

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Army is working on honing negotiation skills of the soldiers mandated to communicate and hold bilateral talks with the Chinese troops as interactions between the soldiers of the two countries increase.

According to a source, "The training on negotiation techniques is in its conceptual stage, keeping in mind the way talks have been taking place at different command levels."

The need for more training arose after the Chinese side either stretched the meeting for long hours "to wear out the other side during the talks" or behaved erratically, raising voices to play mind games with Indians.

The whole gamut of responses along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has been under review since the military standoff of May 2020.

The Army has also formalised a course on Tibetan language and culture to "amalgamate its troops well with the people of Tibet."

The course run by the Army in association with the Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies and Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Sikkim, aims to make soldiers understand cultural nuances and teach them with the language so that they can mix with the Tibetan population living on the Indian side of the LAC.

This will wean the people away from the Chinese propaganda, the source said. There are people from the same tribes living on both sides of the LAC.

The frequency of meetings, talks and hotline communication has increased between the two sides. As per the old agreements, nine Border Personnel Meetings are held between the two countries every year on ceremonial occasions.

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Sunday :** 28/11/2021 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Dakshinayna
• **Ritu:** Sharad • **Masa:** Karthika • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Navami 11.47 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Purvaphalguni 5.32 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 24°C
FORECAST
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Sunrise 6.24 am
Sunset 5.50 pm
Moonrise 1.35 pm
Moonset 12.30 pm

Caring for KARWAR

Pahare, a concerned group of like-minded citizens, is on a mission to rid the picturesque coastal town of plastic waste and garbage to protect its nature and beauty

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @Karwar

ON a cool Saturday morning in January 2015, a car pulled up in front of the Karwar Bus Terminus, which was then looked down upon as the most unhygienic spot in the scenic seaside town. Then Deputy Commissioner of Uttara Kannada district, Ujjwal Kumar Ghosh, emerged from the vehicle, which interestingly did not have a beacon. Was there a programme planned in the vicinity? Was he there for an inspection? A barrage of such questions struck the minds of puzzled onlookers. The senior official met a group of people waiting for him, who were all private individuals from different walks of life. Then, all of them did something extraordinary -- they started tidying up the bus stand and its surroundings. The DC personally cleaned up the area and even removed a carcass of a dead dog lying there. This is a glimpse of how the Pahare Forum of People, which played a crucial role in 'Clean Karwar', came into existence.

Ghosh left Karwar nearly four years ago, but the work he initiated is being carried forward. Pahare, the brainchild of Karwar-based advocate Nagraj Nayak, aims at ensuring cleanliness of the coastal town. Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Nayak brought like-minded citizens together, who embarked on a weekly cleanliness mission. The group decides upon a place around the city to clean each Saturday morning.

"Karwar, with a population of under 1 lakh, is bestowed with natural beauty, with the Arabian Sea on one side and the Western Ghats on the other. Its rich history is vividly maintained, with a fort at Sadashivgad, built by Maratha chieftain Sadashiv Raya Naik. During the British Raj, Satyendranath Tagore, brother of Rabindranath Tagore, was a judge here and the iconic poet stayed here for months," informs Nayak, who is also Pahare's president.

"Though it draws a lot of tourists, Karwar is neglected. Everything was fine here until the plastic was started being used widely Tourists carry evermore plastic and dump it here. Unfortunately, there is no disposal mechanism in place," he rues.

Elucidating the environmental threat with an example, Thimmappa Harikanthra, a journalist and Pahare member, explains, "Kone Nala, a rivulet, was once a beautiful water body, where we would go boating. Today, it is polluted because of anthropogenic pressure."

Though Pahare started as a thinkers' group, involving people from the judiciary, business and government service, to create awareness about corruption and bring in transparency way back in 2003, it was largely driven by its cleanliness initiative, which is now managed by over 300 members.

"People work here without payment or appreciation. Neither any of the core members nor me take the centrestage. We put out the word about a weekend abhiyan, and people arrive at the spot on their own. Initially, we visited temples and maths. The authorities there were impressed and joined us," says Nayak. So far, the group has cleaned up roads, drains, ponds, beaches, temples, and maths. To motivate the members, Pahare invites celebrities and citizens, who have unconditionally served society, to join them on every 25th week. Luminaries, including Salumarada Thimmakka, Sukri Bommagowda, Suresh Heblikar, Tulasi Gowda, Ibrahim Sutar, Kavitha Sharma, Arun Sagar and pontiff of Chitradurga's Sri Murugha Math Sri Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru have participated in their programmes.

The cleanliness drive that was primarily limited to Karwar city has now been extended to other parts of Uttara Kannada district, including villages. "Recently, we went to Brahmur, Thorke and Aggargolu. During such visits, we take locals as volunteers," says Khairunissa Shaikh, a member.

Six years of service

Karwar's sparkling streets are now mostly free of garbage and people are aware. "We distributed handbills requesting citizens to reduce garbage and use of plastic. We pressured the municipality to stop indiscriminate disposal of waste. We started awarding people, who were not even Pahare members, for their contribution. In due course, Karwar was adjudged the cleanest city in the country under the category -- City with less than a population of 1 lakh," says Nayak.

Pahare's members, meanwhile, vow to remain steadfast as long as garbage and plastic remain a bane for their beloved seaside paradise.

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— Nagraj Nayak, Pahare president

Authorities inspired

Pahare has inspired the Karwar Municipality, too, which is now disposing of waste in a scientific manner. It converts wet waste into compost, recycles plastic and incinerates glass pieces

Perils of tourism

Though the group cleans up the Kali River, the beach and other spots, tourists end up disposing of food waste, plastic bottles and beer cans wherever they camp. The group has requested the Tourism Department to monitor such places. Meanwhile, Pahare set an example by planting 580 trees in Karwar town, watering and protecting them. They have also begun a movement to protect the Gangavali and Vibuthe rivers by creating awareness among people

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Thirty-six-year-old Mahesh Marne uses freshly-fallen leaves as a canvas to create portraits of famous personalities and monuments

Infusing life into leaf

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

FOR you and me, a fallen leaf is a waste to be thrown away or converted into manure. But for this 36-year-old Udupi man, it is a blank canvas that takes a form of its own under his deftly handled scalpel. As **Mahesh Marne** dives into his creative sphere, images of Lord Krishna, cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and the map of India with a message wishing 75th year of Independence emerge. Though moving swiftly, he ensures that the delicate veins of the Peepal leaf are not cut as they are key to his artwork.

Mahesh has studied only till SSLC, but that has not stopped him from excelling in his unique art form. He has been an artist since his primary days at US Nayak High School, Patla, Udupi district. Mahesh's drawing teacher Sadananda Panchanabettu noticed his talent and motivated him to pursue it further.

Intense training of 18 months at CE Kamath Institute for Artisans in Miyar, Karkala taluk, on stone and wood was the perfect foundation he needed. At Swaroopa Adhyayana Kendra, Mangaluru, he worked as an artist for 10 years where he learnt the nuances and sharpened his skills. He has worked on tableaus with themes representing coastal Karnataka that have taken part in the famous Mysuru Dasara five times. He has also designed the stage for various cultural and religious functions.

As Mahesh excelled in creating tiny sculptures on stone, wood, foam sheet, vegetables, chalk piece and soaps, it was the Covid pandemic-induced lockdown that motivated him to pick up a fallen leaf and infuse life into it.

"I knew that a lot of patience was required to carve images on a leaf as I cannot erase what is already done. A lot of imagination and perfection is required. But by God's grace, I have managed to impress many," says Mahesh with humility. "I use a leaf that has freshly fallen from a tree as it makes my job a little easy. I first soak the leaf in water and then start carving," he explains.

Gopadkar, Director, Swaroopa Adhyayana Kendra, Mangaluru, said Mahesh groomed himself as a stone and wood artist. At the Kendra, he excelled in designing the stage, reflecting his ability to maintain patience and apply skills on any given medium of art. "He is always calm and it reflects in his art. I am mesmerised by his speed," he adds.

He has drawn portraits of over 100 couples. Mahesh has many records to his credit. He received the 'Exclusive World Records' certificate in March this year for making the 'fastest portrait on leaf'' of Sachin Tendulkar in seven minutes. In 2015, Mahesh created an idol of Lord Ganesha with 3,500 ice-cream sticks and 750 matchsticks and entered the 'India Book of Records'.

As he does not want the art to stop with him, he has been training children by holding to train them in leaf art.

THE JOURNEY SO FAR...

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2. The pandemic-induced lockdown motivated him to establish himself as a leaf artist
3. He received the 'Exclusive World Records' certificate in March this year for creating the 'fastest portrait on leaf' of cricketer Sachin Tendulkar in seven minutes
4. Mahesh organises camps and trains children in this unique art form

An intricate display of Mahesh Marne's art seen in these two leaves depicting Lord Krishna (top) and an Independence Day message

SAFE SCHOOL ZONE

Firm eyes 10L young agents for road safety

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

MULTINATIONAL firm 3M plans to create 10 lakh Young Change Agents for Road Safety (Y-CARS) as part of its CSR initiatives in collaboration with the NGO Concern for Road and Pedestrian Safety (CoRPS), by conducting online workshops for schools to create Safe School Zones.

The initiative, which took off in Bengaluru, Delhi, Pune and Chennai, aims to create at least 30,000 Y-CARS in the city by the end of the quarter. Once they reach 100 schools, the plan is to take it to the State Government to make it a full-fledged programme.

CoRPS Program Director Chetan Umapathy said, "It has been implemented in four schools of Bengaluru and 15 more are on board. It has been successful and children are motivated. We have witnessed great changes outside their school zone."

Y-CARS entails 3-tier workshops delivered through the existing time-table. It requires 3-4-hour engagement with students over 3-4 days. The programme leads to students recognising roads as a shared social space, empathising with other road users and developing skills to spot hazards and defending themselves against them. After the workshops, children, mainly from Classes 8-10, are taken on a road audit programme where they make note of the changes necessary to ensure a safe school zone layout.

"Once the audit is done, we will design solutions like demarcation using signage, road markings, providing designated areas for walking and waiting, multi-utility zones, pick-up and drop-off areas, vibrant pedestrian crossing, no honking zone, school zone boards etc. These will then, with the help of 3M, be set up outside the schools," he said.

City engineer aims to iron out solar power issues

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

GANESH Shanbhag, a software engineer known for implementing rainwater harvesting systems at several apartment complexes in Bengaluru, is now looking to tap the potential of solar power.

"There are around 23,800 apartment complexes in Bengaluru. While the government has mandated that they make use of rainwater harvesting facilities, only about 5 per cent have done so," he said. In 2018, he found that his apartment's borewell had dried up. "That was the problem, and the solution was that every other day it rains in Bengaluru and all that water goes to waste," he added.

He found a way to harvest rainwater that was easy and cost-effective. He went so far as to conduct workshops and help other apartments. "We've helped around 150 apartments so far, but that's nowhere near what can be done for Bengaluru," he said.

His system allows these apartments to rely on the rainwater for around six months, while their borewells recharge. For the next six months, they get water from recharged borewells.

Shanbhag says a perennial problem he's trying to fix is related to solar power. "A report from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy mentioned that we'll be able to generate around 180 kW-220 kW of power per day. But the problem is channelling it to the power grid," he said.

"There are various infrastructure-related problems. It's a major hurdle that needs to be resolved. We're trying to sort things out," he said. He is now looking for funding and investors to work on the project long time.

BACK TO THE ROOTS

Customers buy groundnuts from a vendor at Basavanagudi in Bengaluru in Saturday, ahead of the popular Kadlekai Parishe which begins on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

More students dabble with art, culture

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@ Bengaluru

WITH the reopening of campuses, especially government schools, students are more actively engaging in artistic and cultural activities, that are aimed at stimulating their creative thinking and bringing them in touch with local art.

The Education Department says it has seen nearly a 200 per cent increase in the number of students participating in what is now the online version of Kala Utsav. The competition for students of Classes 9-12 had just 4,000-odd students last year and the count jumped to 13,109 this year.

This includes 3,204 students who have sent in visual arts videos, 3,201 who submitted traditional folk art clippings, 1,016 who displayed indigenous toys and games on the department's online platform which will be open to the general public soon. Evaluations are under way to identify local talents that can be exhibited at a national level contest.

Education Department officials said that a large chunk of students are from government and aided schools. The competition, which usually sees students learn about local culture and carry it forward, received poor response last year with students being confined to their houses, said an official.

This year, with students back in school, teachers are playing a major role in encouraging them with innovative ideas, the official added.

Stay alert: Bommai to DK dist DC

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai held a video conference with Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner Dr Rajendra KV in the wake of increasing of Covid cases. The DC said that in the meeting, the CM directed screening of all college students with RT-PCR tests and special emphasis on medical and paramedical students

Covid test must for travellers from Kerala

Civic body chief asks officials to ensure that the number of containment zones in Bengaluru comes down

POSITIVITY RATE	
Mahadevapura	0.70%
RR Nagar	0.53%
Yelahanka	0.45%
Bommanahalli	0.35%
South zone	0.33%
West zone	0.17%
Dasarahalli	0.12%.

CONTAINMENT ZONES IN CITY	
Bommanahalli	19
South	11
East	10
Yelahanka	10
Mahadevpura	9
West	3
Dasarahalli	0
RR Nagar	0

Health workers transfer swab samples collected from passengers at Kempegowda Bus Station to a lab in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH the emergence of a new SARS-COV-2 variant, the State Government has decided to make it compulsory for all passengers arriving in Bengaluru from Kerala to undergo Covid-19 tests. It also plans to enforce stricter measures to ensure that the number of containment zones in the city are brought down.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta, who held an emergency meeting with officials on Saturday, said there has been an increase in Covid-19 cases in some parts of the city and it needs to be immediately contained. He instructed the officials to depute special teams at major bus stops, terminals and railway stations to check and conduct Covid-19 tests.

"In the last one week, nearly 160 fresh cases of Covid-19 were reported. On Friday (Nov. 26), there were 224 new cases from Bengaluru alone. This is not a good sign," Gupta said.

Bengaluru's Anekal region has seen the maximum number of cases, including the recent cluster at Spurthy Nursing College where 11 students had tested positive for Covid-19.

As per the health bulletin, Bengaluru has seen a positivity rate of 0.50% from November 20 to 26, which is higher than the state average of 0.34%. As per the data, the positivity rate trend for last week shows that several zones in the city are above the state average. The zones with higher positivity rate than state average are: Mahadevapura (0.70%), RR Nagar (0.53%), Yelahanka (0.45%), Bommanahalli (0.35%).

Addressing a virtual meeting, Gaurav Gupta said that he has discussed with the Bengaluru Urban District Commissioner regarding conducting tests on the outskirts and borders of the city. The officers should ensure precautions to contain the new variant, he said. It is important to ensure that no new clusters come up in the city. Also, there are 62 containment zones in the city presently and they have to be managed appropriately." The officers have to take a call on sending samples for genomic sequencing to find out new variants," he explained.

In Bengaluru, nearly 1.38 crore people (88 per cent) have taken the first dose of Covid vaccination and 57.36 lakh second doses have been administered in the city (63 per cent), he said. Palike officers have been instructed to create awareness on the importance of taking the vaccination and also administering of vaccines should be increased at the block and lane levels, he explained.

EXPRESS PLAINER

THE OMICRON VARIANT AND THE ROAD AHEAD

The sudden emergence of a new variant – named Omicron B.1.1.529 by the World Health Organisation – has brought back the harrowing flashbacks of the second wave that created much havoc in the state last year, when the Delta variant loomed large. Dr Giridhara R Babu, renowned epidemiologist, Public Health Expert and member of the state Technical Advisory Committee explains how though there are many questions to which there are few answers, mainly whether the vaccines offer protection against the new variant, how dangerous/infectious it is, etc.

THE OMICRON VARIANT AND WHEN WAS IT DETECTED

A SARS-CoV-2 variant belonging to Pango lineage B.1.1.529, with a high number of S-gene mutations, compared to the original virus, was detected in early November. On November 26, it was designated a variant of concern and assigned the label Omicron by the World Health Organization. The variant is characterised by 30 changes, three small deletions and one small insertion in the spike protein. Of these, 15 are in the receptor binding domain.

RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPREAD

Any variant with higher circulation anywhere is a threat everywhere; it will result in more variants of concern.

WHAT THE MUTATION IMPLIES

The world failed in expanding vaccine coverage of the vulnerable population. This led to development of the Omicron. There is no doubt now that more variants won't follow in future. Sadly and disgustingly, rich countries do not change their course of action.

BREAKTHROUGH POSSIBILITY

Similar to the ambitious aim of global elimination of Covid-19, updating mRNA vaccines against each variant is a futile goal. While resources are used for this false sense of security; we cannot keep pace with relentless circulation elsewhere leading to the next variant of the virus.

MEASURES TO TAKE

Imposing travel restrictions: Just restricting entry from a few countries is NOT going to help either prevent or control the spread of Omicron.

Watch out for any area with cluster of cases

Positive genomic sequencing results (+/-)

Travel history to other countries

Strengthen pandemic preparedness, with surveillance as a component

Redefine the exit plan for Covid-19.

Expand vaccination for all, including poor countries

CM CALLS FOR INCREASE IN VACCINATION DRIVE

BENGALURU: CM Basavaraj Bommai said vaccination drive has been lagging and asked the officials to track those who have not taken the jab. "We were told to check the voters' list and visit homes of those who have not been vaccinated," an official said. Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that no new variant has been found in the state. If cases spike, stringent action will be taken, he added. He said that testing will be increased at medical and nursing colleges, and schools and colleges have been advised to put off cultural events and seminars. The health department will issue detailed guidelines soon, he added.

Both South Africa passengers in quarantine

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"I do not have any information on this yet," the expert added.

Samples testing positive for Covid are sent to designated IGSLs (INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories) for genome sequencing as per the advisory of the state. The designated IGSLs in the state are NIMHANS, the National Centre For Biological Sciences and the Indian Institute of Science.

Bengaluru Rural DC K Srinivas said, "The two travellers are Indian nationals who returned from South Africa. One of them arrived on November 11 and the other on November 20. As their tests returned Covid-positive, the samples were sent for genome sequencing. It has been found that they were infected with the Delta variant."

Health officials are on round-the-clock vigil at the Kempegowda International Airport, strictly monitoring travellers arriving from abroad, especially from South Africa and 10 such high-risk countries.

While one of the travellers has been isolated at a star hotel in Vasanth Nagar, the other is said to be quarantined in Bommanahalli. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials are monitoring their health continuously, said Srinivas.

Between November 1 and 26, 584 persons arrived in Bengaluru from the 10 high-risk countries and 94 travellers have come in from South Africa alone.

Dr Vishal Rao, a member of the Genome Sequencing Committee, said, "It is important to be vigilant against Omicron, which is the latest variant of concern. The speed at which it has overtaken the Delta variant in countries like South Africa and the United Kingdom, there is no doubt that if detected, it will spread fast in our state too. One cannot be lackadaisical about it. All congregations should stop and genome sequencing should be upped to detect the variant faster."

Atish Bagchi, a Philadelphia-based mathematician, said, "The virus is undergoing endless changes constantly within a single host, and, therefore, in every host. Roughly speaking, if a mutation proves lethal enough to kill the host, then the virus perishes along with the host. If the mutation allows the host to remain alive, and the virus acquires improved ability to infect cells and avoid detection by the host's immune system (whether assisted by vaccination or not), then the virus gains an evolutionary advantage and continues to proliferate. One must, therefore, continue to inform oneself, remain super-vigilant, and exercise extreme caution."

State to up daily testing targets

ENS@ Bengaluru

The State Government has decided to revise Covid-19 testing targets and increase the targets from 60,000 to 80,000 per day in the state. A daily increase of 5,000 tests will be effected in the BBMP areas and 15,000 in the other districts. Up to 50 per cent of the samples will be from the district headquarters and the rest from the peripheral areas. Also, at least 5% of children in schools should be tested every week.

After a detailed discussion, the Covid Technical Advisory Committee had recommended to the state government to enhance daily testing.

Questioning the credentials of the Congress, former CM and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy alleged that the grand old party and the BJP might have had an understanding for the Mandya and Kodagu seats in the December 10 polls to the Council. "People have learnt about the Congress' Mandya and Kodagu candidates. The Cooperation Minister himself revealed as to who helped the Mandya candidate get the Congress ticket. The latter, which had branded us as BJP's 'B' team, should answer whether it is BJP's 'C' or 'D' team," he remarked

UNSEASONAL RAIN CALLS FOR BETTER WAYS TO PROTECT CROPS

TEAM TNSE

THE heavy rain across the state since September, which has damaged agricultural and horticultural crops, mainly in South Interior and Coastal Karnataka, has brought into focus the need for ways to scientifically mitigate flood- and heavy rainfall-related crop damage and insulate the farming community from losses.

The effects of multiple cyclones in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea had a telling effect on Karnataka's farming community as well as people. While South-Interior Karnataka received about 150 per cent excess rainfall, Coastal Karnataka received about 100 per cent excess, while North-Interior Karnataka was spared the wrath with just about 10 per cent excess rainfall.

Although the quantum of loss is yet to be assessed, the State Government has reported that at least five lakh hectares of agricultural crops and a little over 30,000 hectares of horticultural crops were damaged due to heavy rains and floods. Twenty four lives were also lost. Rabi and Kharif crops are planned for normal seasons. There are many new varieties which have been developed by researchers, which are weather-resilient. But unfortunately, they remain only in the labs, say agriculture experts from the University of Agricultural Sciences.

Noted agriculture expert Dr T N Prakash Kammardi, Professor of Agricultural Economics at UAS, Bengaluru, says research and development and strong policies are needed to address the issue of soil loss, crop damage and planning for the future. He says planning according to normal monsoon periods — south-west and north-east — has to be for prolonged monsoon periods as unprecedented rain is the new normal, and policies need to be chalked accordingly for disaster and damage mitigation.

"Karnataka has many noted research institutions which are recognised by the State and Central governments, but works done by these institutions are not being taken into consideration. The result of this is poor planning and no implementation on the ground. Farmers must be made stakeholders and members of committees on cropping pattern plans, as their lives are directly affected," Kammardi says.

The reasoning behind his suggestion is that when farmers are included in policy and decision-making, adoption of technologies and new cropping patterns, they will be in a better position to ensure implementation.That has largely not happened, and the catastrophic result of that is now on display.

In Hassan, the traditional ragi crop has been damaged in over 35,000 hectares followed by maize, an alternative to potato, on 10,000 hectares. Farmers in parts of Belur, Holenarasipur, Arkalgud and Channarayapatna could not harvest crops as the seeds got decomposed in the fields due to heavy moisture. In all, Hassan has reported damage to standing crops on 60,000 hectares due to rains.

Tomato crop damaged in the recent heavy rain at Narasapura in Kolar district

COFFEE OR TEA? THAT's THE QUESTION

Members of the Coffee Board and farmers forums say while coffee growers suffered losses this year because of rain, tea plantations improved. The areas where tea is grown should be enhanced and the money earned should be utilised to help farmers. This is a clear self-explanatory note before the government to take a look at the areas where there are plantations. Although the market for coffee is booming, change in weather patterns has affected the sector. Small growers in Kodagu have suffered losses. Coffee Board officials are visiting the affected estates across Kodagu and are drawing up plans to support small growers. Officials say a proposal has already been forwarded to the State Government for subsidies to small growers to set up green houses and coffee drying machines.

Higher moisture in the soil and cloudy weather are favourable for many soil-borne diseases. It will be worthwhile to go for low-cost polyhouses for cultivation of vegetables. Even flowers can be grown in it. Permanent and high-cost polyhouses are usually constructed for high-value crops. Low-cost polyhouses can be constructed in such a way that covering and removing the plastic sheets can be easily done with minimum labour in a short time. Better drainage system, plastic mulching plus raised bed formation will be useful in waterlogged conditions. Low-cost solar tunnel dryers can be constructed

— Dr Bhavishya, Scientist, Division of Crop Production, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-CPCRI

Experts, who inspected the areas, say the main reason for this damage is the lack of trees, which, in turn, left the soil vulnerable to erosion.

Anuganalu Krishnamurthy, Secretary, Biodiversity Conservation and Research Trust (BCRT), says trees control floods and soil erosion. "Farmers should grow trees across the downstream and stem the force of flowing rainwater. This is an easy and natural method to control rain damage of crops," he says.

After assessing the gradient on which the fields are located, farmers, aided by the Agriculture Department, also need to construct a series of mini tanks and ponds at appropriate points where water can collect and avoid flooding elsewhere. Krishnamurthy says this serves two benefits — having additional water for future use as well as preventing water from stagnating on the fields and damaging seeds and roots of the crops.

BIG PICTURE

A H Ravi, Joint Director, Agriculture, points out that farmers normally stick to traditional and seasonal crops in Hassan district. It would be better for them to opt for sustainable varieties of crops. As the standing crops cannot survive uncertain rains and natural calamities due to climate change, the department has been educating the farming community on how to protect crops from diseases and floods. The department also educates farmers about scientific methods of ploughing to control soil erosion, modern cultivation and harvesting methods through demonstrations to save crops and get better yield, he claims.

However, the ground situation is different mainly because implementation at the farmers' level is not closely looked at despite tips and information being imparted.

For instance, in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, the normal paddy cultivation is that of the MO4 variety. Santhosh Acharya, who grows paddy on three acres in Udupi, says most of the farmers who lost their crops are those who grew the MO4 variety, and have suffered losses now. This, despite the wide understanding that this variety is unable to survive heavy rainfall and floods, as against the flood-resistant 'Sahyadri Panchamukhi' (called Irga) variety). According to scientists at the Zonal Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station (ZAHRS), Irga is more suited for the region, which is known to receive heavy rainfall.

In 2019, ZAHRS and the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) at Brahmavar had launched the Irga variety of paddy, but it has not yet been popularised. There is now a move to introduce this variety over larger areas of the region by including farmers and raising their awareness about it.

Dr Laxman, Associate Director (Research), ZAHRS, says Irga is yet to be developed as a certified seed and reach more farmers. "In the last two years, since its introduction, multi-field trials have been conducted, and in the years to come, if the government releases more funds for more research, the seeds can be readied for vast distribution among farmers," he says.

LACK OF SUNLIGHT AND PLANT INFECTIONS

Prolonged periods without sunlight and heavy rain have not only affected plant growth, but also ushered in infections. Experts say there needs for an alternative source of heat and light that can keep plants adequately dry to ensure their good health to deal with situations like this.

Horticulture expert Dr S G Golagi, says, "In a random survey, we found plants were infected with fungal diseases like powdery mildew, anthracnose, downy mildew and also other bacterial diseases, which impact growth of leaves and the stem and lead to bus bursts. Plants have barely witnessed any sunlight for many days due to cloudy weather. This has a greater impact on their growth. Sunlight plays a vital role in protecting plants from bacterial diseases. Therefore, it is important to keep plants and seeds dry."

Golagi says scientific recommendations have been made to prevent plants from bacterial infections.

Experts, however, point out that any alternative to sunlight to keep plants adequately warm and dry will be relatively expensive as that will mean setting up large-sized nursery-type structures or polyhouses (greenhouse with specialised polythene sheets as a covering material under which crops can be grown) which can be quickly disassembled when natural light is available. "These should be sparingly used to ensure more of natural light and heat, but they will be required, seeing the kind of prolonged rainy season that we have had without any sunlight," said one expert. The state government will have to step in to ensure such structures are put in place as only a handful of farmers will be able to afford them, he adds.

(With inputs from Bosky Khanna in Bengaluru; Prajna G R in Madikeri; Udaya Kumar B R in Hassan; Prakash Samaga in Udupi; Mahesh Goudar in Vijayapura; Divya Cutinho in Mangaluru and B Thipperudrappa in Chikkamagaluru)

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'Designing city a comprehensive exercise, cannot be ad-hoc'

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE recent floods in north Bengaluru after heavy rain has highlighted poor urban planning. Former Karnataka chief secretary A Ravindra, who was known as the 'Demolition Man' in the late 1990s when he was the administrator of then Bangalore Mahanagara Palike for his fight against illegal constructions, spoke to The New Sunday Express on what has gone wrong, and what can be done to set things right. Excerpts.

What are the factors contributing to flooding in not just urban areas, but across the state?

The causes are both natural and man-made. Heavy rain, landslides and climatic factors constitute natural causes. Factors like urbanisation, deforestation and unscientific construction are some of the man-made reasons. Karnataka has witnessed heavy rainfall in the last two years. In 2019, just one district, Kodagu, experienced over 450% deviation from its normal rainfall, causing enormous damage to life and property. The 2019 Geological Survey of India report pointed out surface cracks caused by trenches dug by the Forest Department leading to infiltration. Across Karnataka, heavy discharge of water from reservoirs following heavy rain, particularly in north Karnataka, led to flooding of towns and villages. In urban areas, indiscriminate land use and construction and encroachments cause flooding. In a city like Bengaluru, encroachment of rajakaluves and buffer zones of lakes and drains result in heavy flooding.

How can urban planning be improved to ensure flooding does not happen or impact lives in future?

Modification of urban design has to be undertaken as part of urban planning. It is a long-term process involving street redesigning, drain control and storm-water containment measures. Plans drawn up in the past for redesigning of SWDs have not been implemented. Poor quality of roads, recurring potholes, non-cleaning of drains only add to the misery. City designing is a comprehensive exercise involving the entire physical infrastructure. Ad-hoc measures are not a permanent solution.

What are the solutions for landscape modification? How can engineers or developers prepare an action plan on landscape engineering in advance to mitigate climatological situations?

Landscape modifications call for certain measures like prevention of fragmentation of forest landscapes. Mindless deforestation leads to reduction in the catchment's capability to retain water, leading to flooding. The Green India Mission, launched in 2014, aims at protecting, restoring and enhancing India's forest cover and responding to climate change by both mitigation and adaptation measures. To what extent Karnataka has implemented the required measures is something the government should say. A State Action Plan for Climate Change has also been prepared and it is the responsibility of the state to inform the citizens of the progress made.

Is there any model which can be adopted by Karnataka to ensure there is no flooding or any climatological impact?

There cannot be one uniform model, national or international, to prevent flooding across the country.The topographical conditions, weather patterns and regional variations will have to be taken into consideration. As a matter of general guidance, it can be stated that factors like controlling rampant urbanisation, deforestation, encroachments and unscientific construction play an important role in flood prevention. However, best practices across countries can be studied and lessons can be drawn from them.

Where do you think citizens have failed?

Citizens have failed not only on account of lack of awareness but in their apathy towards protection of nature and proper upkeep of their own neighbourhood and the city or any habitat in general. Are they not responsible for putting up illegal constructions and encroachments? Whether they are developers, organisations or individuals, it is their responsibility in the first place to follow the laws which are meant to protect the environment. The fault lies more with those who are aware of the damage that will be caused by violating nature's laws, let alone man-made laws. I agree that awareness programmes on the impact of climate change are essential, not only for people, but also for politicians and officials responsible for policy-making and implementation. This responsibility can be shared by the government, academic institutions engaged in the study of relevant issues and NGOs who are working on environmental issues.

Japan frequently redesigns or alters its urban planning designs based on seismic activities. Is a similar alteration needed here in Karnataka?

Japan's design is more relevant for that country in view of the fact that it is exposed to severe and frequent earthquakes. Moreover, it has evolved over a period of time and they have now developed a very resilient system to tackle earthquakes and other natural disasters. In India, we still have a long way to go. We can perhaps look at what is known as the 'Sponge City' concept designed in China where urban flooding is said to have doubled during the last couple of years. A Sponge City is designed to hold, clean and drain water in a natural way, using an ecological approach. The water retained can be used for recharging aquifers, gardening, flushing toilets and for urban forests. A pilot project is said to have been taken up in the city of Wuhan. The details will have to be studied to understand the model and how, if possible, it can be adopted in India.

Q&A

On our part, we must focus on what is doable in India. Some measures include building a sustainable drainage system, designing permeable pavements and sidewalks. The construction of cement roads in Bengaluru is a wrong step as it prevents permeability and is disastrous to urban environment in the long run. We must also provide a robust flood alert and early warning system, as being done in s ome coastal states like Odisha to deal with cyclones. Above all, the government and the people must learn to work together to prevent the looming threat posed by climate change.

The recent heavy rain and the flooding of several areas have exposed poor urban planning in Bengaluru | SHRIRAM BN

Kolar Cong chief joins BJP

VELAYUDHAM V @ Kolar

IN a major jolt to the Congress in Kolar, several leaders of the party, including Kolar District Congress Committee president K Chandra Reddy, former vice-president of State Food and Civil Supplies and AICC member N Srinivas, joined the BJP in the presence of Chief Minister Basvaraj Bommai and ministers Dr K Sudhakar and Munirathna, on Saturday.

Chandra Reddy, a close confident of former Union Minister and Congress leader KH Muniyappa, was in the race for a MLC ticket from Kolar. However, the Congress declared former MSIL chairman Anil Kumar as its candidate much to the disappointment of Chandra Reddy.

According to sources, Chandra Reddy also did not answer phone calls made by several state Congress leaders.

Chandra Reddy in the past was the president of Bangarpet Town Municipal Council. Meanwhile, a few senior BJP leaders reportedly met him and Srinivas convinced him to join the BJP, sources added.

Sources aware of the development told *The New Sunday Express* that Muniratna, who is Kolar district in-charge minister, also had shown interest in inducting Chandra Reddy and Srinivas into the BJP as they are considered strong leaders in the district with a mass appeal. Srinivas started his career from National Students' Union of India and later became its state president. He unsuccessfully contested on a Congress ticket from KGF in the 2013 Assembly polls.

POLITICAL THEATRE

DKS meets SR Patil, explains party pick for MLC polls

Bengaluru: In an attempt to dispel any sense of difference within the party, KPCC president D K Shivakumar called on the leader of the Opposition in the Council, S R Patil, on Friday. The latter had missed out on the party ticket to contest the December 10 Council polls from the Vijayapura-Bagalakot seat. "The decision was taken keeping the party's future in mind and Patil has said he is committed to it," he said. Meanwhile, Patil likened the Congress to a mother claiming that he had worked for it for over 45 years as a 'disciplined soldier'.

Cong for Joint panel probe into graft charges

Bengaluru, Mysuru: KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Saturday demanded that the State Government constitute a Joint House Committee to probe the allegation levelled by the Karnataka State Contractors' Association that contractors were forced to pay bribes to get works sanctioned. " A probe by a sitting Supreme Court Judge is needed... but let the government set up the Joint House Panel first," Shivakumar said. Meanwhile in Mysuru, Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah demanded a probe into the allegations by a retired Supreme Court judge. He also rubbished rumours of former minister A Manju returning to the Congress.

Not a sanyasi, will fight 2023 polls: Vijayendra

Bengaluru: BJP state vice-president BY Vijaynedra on Saturday said that he will contest the 2023 Assembly polls in the state. "I am not a sanyasi. As party state vice-president, I have been organising it across the state. "But party's leadership will take a call on the constituency that I should contest from," he told reporters. On his father BS Yediyurappa seeking support from JDS in the December 10 MLC polls, he said it was his personal opinion. "CM Basavaraj Bommai and party state chief Nalin Kumar Kateel will have to take a call," he said. "It does not mean that BJP is weak. We will win 15 seats and get majority in the Upper House", he asserted.

Bommai to bring out book of short stories

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said that he will bring out an anthology of Kannada short stories penned by him, titled 'Avva' (mother).

He made the announcement after releasing 66 Kannada books of noted Kannada writers to mark the 66th Karnataka Rajyotsava.

Bommai said he had great respect for his late mother and added that 'Avva' will be a tribute to mothers. He appealed to people to cultivate the habit of buying and reading Kannada books to nurture Kannada literature.

He will be one among the few Chief Mininsters of Karnataka who is into writing. Gangamma Somappa Bommai, his mother and wife of former Chief Minister S R Bommai, passed away in 2002.

Former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader M Veerappa Moily, who is also a well-known writer, has written many books including 'Thembare', 'Kotta', 'Suligali', 'Sagaradeepa', 'Parijaatha' and 'Milana' among others. The 'Sri Ramayana Mahanveshanam' is a collection of poems published in five volumes. In fact, Moily is also a receipent of the Sahitya Akademi award.

A 48-year-old woman died after falling from the fifth floor of her apartment in Nitte of Karkala taluk. It is said that Kamala Priya slipped while hanging clothes for drying on Wednesday. Kamala Priya had been living with her husband Balasubrahmani at the apartment for the past 10 years

Glitch forces B'luru-Patna flight to land in Nagpur

Go First plane with 133 on board lands with one engine shut down

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A Go First flight to Patna with 133 passengers onboard, including an infant, that took off from Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru at 9.15 am on Saturday, faced a mid-air scare after an engine fire warning alert in the cockpit forced the captain to shut down of one of its engines. Flight G8-873 was immediately diverted to Nagpur Airport where it landed safely.

An alternative aircraft was arranged by 4.45 pm from the Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport there and passengers finally reached Patna after a five-and-a-half hour delay.

According to a senior official in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation Authority, "Engine No. 2 of G8-873 had an auto inflight shutdown mid-air after the engine fire warning came on. The crew carried out action on the Electronic Centralised Aircraft Monitor and enabled the Fire Push Button following which the warning went off."

One of the fire detection loops had failed causing the warning, and the A320 aircraft managed to land safely using the other engine, he added.

An airline spokesperson said, "Go First flight G8 873 from Bengaluru to Patna was diverted to Nagpur due to a faulty engine warning in the cockpit which necessitated the captain to shut it down as a precautionary measure. Thereafter, the captain followed the standard operating procedures and landed safely at Nagpur Airport."

All passengers were deplaned and served refreshments, he said. "Alternate aircraft was arranged to accommodate the passengers which departed at 4.45 pm," he added.

The passengers, who were supposed to reach Patna by 11.15 am, reached their destination by around 6 pm.

CHILLING OUT

A family wrapped up in winter wear ventures out on a cold and cloudy day in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

Conman who promised govt jobs to aspirants held

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THE Central Crime Branch sleuths have arrested a 39-year-old conman who masqueraded as a Deputy Commissioner under a Union government agency and cheated unemployed youths by promising government jobs. The police said that he cheated more than 18 job aspirants across the state, duping them of more than Rs 1 crore.

The accused has been identified as Raghavendra Poojari, a resident of Basaruru Village, Kundapura, in Udupi. He had come to Bengaluru after passing Class 10 and was staying in JP Nagar for around 10 years.

A senior police officer from CCB said that based on a complaint filed by one of the victims in Banashankari police station, the CCB took over the case considering the inter-city ramification and nabbed Poojari.

"He roamed across the state and targeted unemployed youth. He showed them a fake ID card stating that he was Deputy Commissioner in the Survey Department and promised them government jobs at various departments. He then took money and escaped. He collected money and cheques between 4 lakh and 12 lakh from each victim. Poojari was operating for the past five years and with the ill-gotten money, he had purchased a house in his hometown, a hotel in Tumakuru, a flat in Kengeri and gold valuables worth several lakhs. The police recovered property documents and took him to custody for further investigation," the police officer said.

EXPRESS READ

2 arrested for killing woman over dispute

Bengaluru : Subramanya Nagar police have solved the seven-month-old murder of a 47-year-old woman by arresting two men, including a landlord. Police are probing the case as a contract killing over a property dispute. The are Noor Ahemed and Sathyanarayana, both from Karnul in Andhra Pradesh. A police officer said on March 26, the duo had killed Seetha Achar after taking her to Hassan and dumped the body in a canal in Hosapete. After Seetha's husband died, the family decided to sell her property, but she was not ready. Thus, the accused had hatched the murder plot. ENS

Patrolling increased as gang targets two houses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE South Division police on Saturday intensified patrolling in their jurisdiction a day after two robberies were reported in Kumaraswamy Layout and Suddaguntepalya. On Friday, armed men had barged into the houses of a woman and an elderly couple and robbed them.

In one incident, 56-year-old Chitra was alone on the second floor of her house in Kumaraswamy Layout when the gang broke in and forced her to remove her gold ornaments. The gang also took Rs 1,000 from the puja room before fleeing. She raised an alarm and her daughter, staying on the ground floor rushed in and alerted the police.

In another incident, Satish (65), a resident of Krishnamurthy Layout, Suddaguntepalya, was having dinner with wife when the door bell rang. When he opened the door, two armed men barged in and threatened the couple. The duo escaped with Rs 15,000 and 95 gram of gold valuables.

The police have obtained CCTV footage but were yet to find any clues. A police officer clarified that different gangs were involved in the two incidents.

Clear illegal buildings on civic amenity site, BDA

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THE Karnataka High Court had directed the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to remove illegal constructions on an one-acre civic amenity site at a private layout formed by the Vyalikaval House Building Cooperative Society in Bangalore North taluk. A division bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order while disposing public interest litigation filed by M Venkatesha, a resident of Banasawadi in the city.

The court noted that the law mandates that authorities should secure possession of parks and civic amenity sites which are part and parcel of a private-approved layout through registered relinquishment deed free of cost. The said parks and civic amenity sites should be made available to the public at large. The inaction on the part of the BDA in not insisting for relinquishment of the park area and civic amenity site has resulted in encroachments, it said.

IN THE HC

"We direct the BDA Commissioner to forthwith remove illegal constructions reserved for civic amenity and secure transfer of those areas under registered documents free of cost in terms of the Revised Master Plan 2015. This exercise should be completed within three months and a compliance report should be furnished with the Registry of this Court," the court said.

The petitioner alleged that though Vyalikaval House Building Cooperative Society can utilise only 50 percent of the entire layout for formation of residential sites, it has exceeded the limit and formed sites to an extent of 62 per cent of the total area.

The petitioner also claimed that the area notified as park and civic amenity site was sold by the cooperative society and the entire layout was being utilised for residential purpose, depriving an open lung space for residents of the layout.

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Qualification	: M.A./M.Sc. in Psychology course from a University recognized by the UGC With minimum 55% marks for UR & EWS and 50% marks for SC, ST & OBC in aggregate.
GROUP B	
3. M.Phil. in Psychiatric Social Work	: 12 seats (UR-07, EWS-01, OBC-02, SC-01, ST-01)
Duration	: 2 years
Qualification	: Masters in Social Work course from University recognized by the UGC with minimum 55% Marks for UR & EWS and 50% marks for SC, ST and OBC in aggregate.
GROUP C	
4. Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing	: 17 seats (UR-07, EWS-02, OBC-05, SC-02, ST-01) **(PH-02)**
Duration	: One year
Qualification	: 'A' Grade Certificate or Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery.

Group A & B: Selected candidates will get scholarship of Rs. 25,000/- per month.
Group C: Selected candidates will get scholarship of Rs. 2500/- per month.
The application form is to be submitted electronically ONLY on internet through CIP website: www.cipranchi.nic.in on or before December 31, 2021. Hard copy of the application form will not be entertained. Online Payment fee of Rs.1000/- for Unreserved, EWS and Rs. 500/-** for OBC, PwD, SC and ST candidates. (**Transactional charges will be extra from the above-said fee structure via Debit Card, Credit Card, UPI Payment, Net Banking & Mobile Wallets.)Please note that the examination fee is non-refundable.**
Online form will be available on our website (www.cipranchi. nic.in) from 01.12.2021. Online Examination will be held on **20.02.2022** and interview/practical would be held in person at CIP between **8th to 12th March, 2022**. Last date for joining the courses is **May 31st, 2022**.
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical/Constructive/Symbolic** (which ever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Bangalore Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 04.01.2022** for recovery of **Rs.43,72,763/- (Rupees Fourty Three Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand and Seven Hundred and Sixty Three only) (as on 25.11.2021)** due to the **Indian Bank, Kamala nagar Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **Mr. Harish Kumar (Borrower) and Smt. Bhagyamma (Co-Borrower Cum Mortgagor)** #401, Accamma Buildings, Doddabidarakallu, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073 (Address).
The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable property Site No.60, Janjaru No.60, Old Khata No.22, BBMP Khatha No.66/22/60 in ward No.40, New PID No.040-W0342-5 behind Venugopalswamy Temple, Doddabidarakallu, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore under BBMP limits, **Measuring:** East to West 30 feet and North to South 60 feet totally 1800 Sq.ft., **Bounded on the East by:** Property belongs to Thimmaiah, **West by:** Property belongs to Achamma, **North by:** Property belongs to Ganganarasaiah **and South by:** Government Road. **Encumbrances on Property: NIL**
Reserve Price: Rs.47.67 Lakhs EMD Amount: Rs. 5.00 Lakhs
Bid Incremental Amount: Rs.10,000/- per Bid
Property ID No. ID: IDIB00050291736454
Date and Time of e-auction: 04-01-2022 between 11.00 A.M. to 4. P.M.
Bidders are advised to visit the website **(www.mstcecommerce.com)** of our e auction service provide **MSTC Ltd,** to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call **MSTC HELPDESK No.033-22901004,** and other help line Number available in service provide help dest For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com**
For Property details and photograph of the property and acution terms and conditions please vist **https://ibapi.in** and for clarification related to this portal, please contact help Number **"18001025026" and "011-41106131".**
Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the Property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com**
Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 25.11.2021 Indian Bank

INDIAN BANK
Kamalanagar Branch, Bangalore.

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The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:
Detailed description of the Property:
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable property Site No.95, BBMP Khatha No.15/3 95, forming part of property No.15/3, vide conversion bearing No.ALN(SU)SR/160/2011-12 dated 03.01.2012 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, with in limits of BBMP Ward No.184, Bangalore. Measuring totally 1214 Sq.Ft. **Bounded on the East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Remaining portion of same Property, **North by: Road and South by:** Private Property. **Encumbrance on Property: NIL**
Reserve Price: Rs.58.27 Lakhs; EMD Amount: Rs.6.00 Lakhs
Bid Incremental Amount: Rs.10,000/- per Bid
Property ID No.IDIB00050310196419
Date and Time of e-Auction: 04.01.2022 between 11.00 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Bidders are advised to visit the Website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e-auction service provider **MSTC Ltd.** to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call **MSTC Helpdesk No.033-22901004** and other helpline numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with **MSTC Ltd.,** please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com** .
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Date: Bangalore, Place: 25.11.2021 Sd/- Authorsied Officer, Indian Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA
ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH
Mysore Bank Building, BKG Complex, 'A' Block, 2nd Floor, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560 009. TELEPHONE: 080-25943765/25943769, Mob-8754140264 / 8424044899 E-Mail: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

HL A/C No: 64003348765 /ARMB
Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the State Bank of India, **Asset Recovery Management Branch (40564) Bangalore,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 22.09.2021 U/s 13(2) of the said Act;** calling upon the Borrower **Sri. G K SHIVANNA S/o Karigowda #** No.30, "Nethravathi Nilaya" Ambalipura, Bellandur Gate, Bangalore 560034 & **Guarantor: Sri. Noor Ahamed S/O K.A Raheman No. 9, 1st floor, II-E Street, Labbe Masjid Road Cross, Bangalore.** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rupees.52,67,274/-(Fifty Two Lakh Sixty seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four Only)** within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgagers the public in general that the **undersigned has taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002on this **26.11.2021**
The Borrower,/Mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount **Rs.53,41,877/- (Fifty Three lakhs Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on 25.11.2021 and interest from 26.11.2021**& charges thereon, till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Apartment Flat No.009 Ground Floor Constructed in Schedule property mentioned in the Sale Deed bearing Old Sy. No. 60/1, and 63/2, present property No. 238/3 and 238/4-49 Situated at sarakki village Uthrahalli Hobli Bangalore South taluk (measuring. about 1422sqft Super Built up area) RCC roof with mosaic flooring and Cement brick wall, Honne wood doors and steel windows with all civic amenities consisting one hall three bed rooms, one dining Hall, kitchen and Toilet in with balconies, Common Area stair case, and lift etc., with one car parking slot in the basement, Standing in the name of G K Shivanna. Bounded on the : **East by :** K R Ravishankar's property, **West by :** Flat No.008, **North by :** Passage, **South by:** Open pace.
Date: 26.11.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA
Place: Bangalore Asset Management Recovery Branch Bangalore,

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BEFORE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE COURT, NAMAKKAL

C.O.S.30/2020

R.Dinesh, S/o.Ramasamy,
Prop.M/s.Styleline Exports, Komarapalayam,
Namakkal, Tamil Nadu ...Plaintiff

Versus

Gautham Kanunga, S/o.Nenmal Kanunga,
Prop.M/s.Rishabh Thread Industries, 3074th Main,
9th Cross, Kaveripura, Kamakshipalaya,
Bangaluru-79, Karnataka State ...Defendant

NOTICE

Take Notice that the plaintiff has filed the above suit on account and the same stands posted on **21.12.2021** for appearance of the defendant above named. He may appear before the above court on **21.12.2021** in person or by his Counsel at **10.00 A.M.** failing which the suit will be heard and disposed as exparte against defendant.

(By Court Order)
M.K.SIVAKUMAR, B.L., LL.M.,
Advocate, Salem-7

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I - BENGALURU
NO.4, SECOND FLOOR,
L.I.C JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD BENGALURU, KARNATAKA - 560 025
DRC NO: 1199/2019

Corporation Bank,
Attibele Branch, Vishnu Complex, Sarjapur Road,
Attibele, Bengaluru - 562107.
Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri.K.Uday Shetty & another **Certificate Debtor(s)**

DEMAND NOTICE

To, 1. Sri. K.Uday Shetty S/o. Sri. Anthayya Shetty, Proprietor : Nandhisri Veg, No.804, "Ashraya", Opp. Kidzee Nursery School, Jayanna Layout, Indlabele Road, Attibele - 562 107 2. Sri. Umesh Vittal Shetty S/o. Sri. Vittal Shetty No.804, "Ashraya", Opp. Kidzee Nursery School, Jayanna Layout, Indlabele Road, Attibele - 562 107.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in OA No. 1353/2018 passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on 29/11/2019 an amount of Rs. 42,27,828/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Eight Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filling of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules. In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 18th day of December 2019.

(RAJASEKHARAN.R) RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DRT - 1, BENGALURU
Email : rajasekharan.r@nic.in

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage. charge lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment

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OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 1) NO.4, RESIDENCY ROAD, L.I.C JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING HAYES ROAD, ENGALURU - 560 025
DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC 419/2020 10/09/2020

Corporation Bank, Attibele Branch, Vishnu Complex, Sarjapur Road, Attibele, Bengaluru-562107. Karnataka **Certificate Holder**

Versus

SMT. T. NITHYA AND OTHERS

1) SMT. T. NITHYA W/O. SRI. SUNDAR RAJAN S. RESIDING AT: FLAT NO.24, 2ND CROSS, KANAKA VINAYAKA STREET, SHANTHI LAYOUT, AKSHAYA NAGARA, RAMAMURTHY NAGAR, BENGALURU - 560 016. 2) SRI. SUNDAR RAJAN S. S/O. SUBRAMANYAN MUTHIYALU NAIDU, RESIDING AT: FLAT NO.24, 2ND CROSS, KANAKA VINAYAKA STREET, SHANTHI LAYOUT, AKSHAYA NAGARA, RAMAMURTHY NAGAR, BENGALURU 560 016. 3) MR. K.A. DEVRARAJ S/O LATE ANJANAPPA, RESIDING AT : # 11. GURUMURTHY STREET, HALASURU, BENGALURU - 560 008, 4) MR. SIDDAPPA @ SIDDA REDDY S/O. ERAPPA, 5) MRS. SAVITHRAMMA W/O. MR. SIDDAPPA @ SIDDA REDDY, 6) MS. DIKSHA D/O. MR. SIDDAPPA @ SIDDA REDDY, 7) MS. SANDHYA D/O. MR. SIDDAPPA @ SIDDA REDDY, 8) MR. NARAYANAPPA @ ASHWATHA NARAYANA S/O. ERAPPA, THE DEFENDANTS NO. 4 TO 8 AREV REPRESENTED BY THEIR REGISTERED POWER OF ATTORNEY HOLDER DEFENDANT NO. 3 - SRI. K.A. DEVARAJ S/O. LATE ANJANAPPA, RESIDING AT: # 11. GURUMURTHY STREET, HALASURU, BENGALURU - 560 008. 9) M/S PRABHAVATHI DEVELOPERS (DEVELOPER) A REGISTERED PARTNERSHIP FIRM REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING PARTNER SRI. B.E. PRAVEEN KUMAR HAVING OFFICE AT NO.80, 2ND FLOOR, 1ST CROSS, 2ND MAIN, VYSYA BANK, GRUHA NIRMANA SAHAKARA SANGA LAYOUT, NEAR RELIANCE FRESH, BTM 2ND STAGE, BENGALURU. KARNATAKA 560 068. 10) SRI. B.E. PRAVEEN KUMAR S/O. SRI. EKAMBARAM, ONE OF THE MANAGING PARTNER M/S. PRABHAVATHI DEVELOPERS NO. 105, 9TH MAIN, S.R. NAIDU LAYOUT, OPP. TO GOLDEN PARK APARTMENTS, HONGASANDRA, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560 068.

CERTIFICATE DEBTOR

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT-1) in OA/1500/2018 an amount of Rs 17,81,206.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Six Only) along with pendentelite and future interest and costs till realization. 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 14/10/2020 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings. 5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay: (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 10/09/2020

(RAJASEKHARAN.R) RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY — e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No : SE/PHC/KKD/11/2021-22 JJM: 2021-22
Kuruvattoor Panchayath - Phase II: Providing Functional House Hold Tap Connection by Augmentation and Extension of Existing Water Supply Scheme EMD : Rs. 100000 Tender fee : Rs. 7500 Last Date for submitting Tender : 10-12-2021 05:00:pm

Phone: 04952371046,
Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer,
PH Circle, Kozhikode

KWA-JB-GL-6-597-2021-22

UNIMONI FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

RO: N.G. 12 & 13 Ground Floor, North Block, Manipal Centre, Dickenson Road, Bangalore - 560 042. CIN No.U85110KA1995PLC018175

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by UNIMONI FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED on 03.12.2021 at 10:00 am at NO 12/13, GROUND FLOOR, NORTH BLOCK, MANIPAL CENTRE, DICKENSON ROAD, KARNATAKA, 560042. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Overdue Loan Accounts of our various Customers mentioned below with branch name.

Loan Nos: KORAMANGALA (BAK) – 1873523. MARATHAHALLI (BMI) – 1877738.

For more details, please contact : **Mr. PRAVEEN - 7994851636**

(Reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned &/ postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.)

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. W.503/PC/06/2021-22 DATED: 26-11-2021

The Principal Chief Engineer, Southern Railway, Park Town, Chennai - 600003 invites e-tender for the following items before 15.00 hrs on 28-12-2021 and will be opened on 15.30 hrs on the same day.

Item No. 1. **Tender No:** 503PC16202122.

Brief description of material: Manufacture and supply of (a) Glass Filled Nylon-66 Insulating Liner to RDSO's Drawing No T-8751 for use with PSC wider Sleeper to Drawing No. RDSO T-8746 suitable to 60 Kg (UIC) Rails with IRS Specification for Glass Filled Nylon-66 Insulating Liner, Serial No. T-44-2020 (HSN Code: 86080010).

(b) Glass Filled Nylon-66 Insulating Liner to RDSO's Drawing No. T-8752 & T-8753 for use with PSC wider Sleeper to Drawing No. RDSO T-8746 suitable to 52 Kg Rails with IRS Specification for Glass Filled Nylon-66 Insulating Liner, Serial No.T-44-2020. (HSN Code: 86080010).

Quantity: (a) 4,24,960 Nos. (b) 53,120 sets

Tender Opening date: 28-12-2021

Tender value in lakhs (inRs).: 104.80

EMD (in Rs): 2,09,620.00

Delivery Period: 12 Months

Item No. 2. **Tender No:** 503PC14202122

Brief description of material: Manufacture and supply of (a) Metal Liner to RDSO's Drawing No T-8748 for use with PSC wider Sleeper to drawing No. RDSO T-8746 suitable to 60 Kg (UIC) Rails with IRS Specification for Metal Liners for use with Elastic Rail Clips. Serial No. T-56-2020 (HSN Code: 73021010).

(b) Metal Liner to RDSO's Drawing No. T-8749 & T-8750 for use with PSC wider Sleeper to drawing No. RDSO T-8746 suitable to 52 Kg Rails with IRS Specification for Metal Liners for use with Elastic Rail Clips. Serial No. T-56-2020 (HSN Code: 73021010)

Quantity: (a) 6,37,440 Nos (b) 79,680 sets

Tender Opening date: 28-12-2021

Tender value in lakhs (inRs).: 218.96

EMD (in Rs): 4,37,930.00

Delivery Period: 12 Months

Complete details of tenders are available on web site at **http://www.ireps.gov.in** for downloading tender documents and other details.

Principal Chief Engineer / SR/ Chennai

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has intended to purchase Site No. 45, CMC Khatha No. 14375/197/5, PID No.34-557-1062, located in "Satya Sai Royal Forms" layout, situated at Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Hosakote village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, measuring East-West on the Northern Side 8.14 Mtrs, Southern Side 8.25 Mtrs. and North-South on the Eastern Side 8.47 Mtrs. and on the Western Side 7.11 Mtrs. together with a residential building of Ground Floor and bounded on the: **East by :** Site No 44 **West by:** Site No 46 **North by :** 9 Meters Road **South by :** Private Property from its present owner **Mrs. G. Manjula** W/o. Mr. G. Raghu. The said owner has represented that she is the absolute owner of the said property and apart from her, no other person/s, having any right, title or interest. She further represented that the said property is not mortgaged or charged to anybody else by him to any third person/s or Banks. Any person/s, having any claim, interest or right over the above said property may contact or write to the undersigned with documentary proof to substantiate such claim/s or interest within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication. In the absence of any such claim or objection within the stipulated time, it will be construed that there is no one having any claims or objection on the said property and my client will proceed with the sale transaction.

H. NAGESH ADVOCATE,
No. 46, Z Plaza, 2nd Main, Sheshadripuram,
Bangalore – 20. Mob: 9902015651.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that undersigned is the absolute owner of all that piece and parcel of the building constructed on the property bearing Sl. No.205, Site No.5EC-702, in the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 2nd Block of HRBR Layout, Bangalore, site measuring East to West (17.40 + 15.10)/2 meters and North to South 12.10 meters and totally measuring 196.625 square meters. Which is more fully particularized herein below and herein after referred to as the **"SCHEDULE PROPERTY".**

Undersigned along with his wife has appointed his mother Smt. BAAGU POOVAIAH as his agent to do acts and deeds vide general power of Attorney dated 27.06.2006 and now the undersigned has withdrawn the powers given/cancelled the agency/ cancelled/revoked the said power of attorney by entering into a cancellation of the General Power of the Attorney dated 27.11.2021 and cancelled the said General Power of Attorney absolutely and completely and revoked all powers or authority given to the Smt. Baagu Poovaiah whether expressly or impliedly to do all acts, deeds and purposes regarding the Schedule Property. Hence, the General Public are hereby notified not to deal Smt. BAAGU POOVAIAH or any other person in respect of the Schedule Property, in case, despite this notice if anyone proceed to deal/transact with regard to the schedule property with the earstwhile power of attorney holder Smt. Baagu Poovaiah it will be at the costs and risk of their own and shall have to face the consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the building constructed on the property bearing Sl. No.205, Site No.5EC-702, in the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 2nd Block of HRBR Layout, Bangalore, site measuring East to West (17.40 + 15.10)/2 meters and North to South 12.10 meters and totally measuring 196.625 square meters and bounded on:

East by : Site No.5EC-704,
West by : 7th M Road,
North by : 5th E.C Road,
South by : Site No.5DC-701.

Sri. A.P. DEVAIAH,
S/o. Sri. A.A. Poovaiah,
aged about 56 years, No.21,
Teachers Colony, Koramanagala,
I Block, Bangalore-560 034.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.
E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001 and one of the Branch Offices of **City Union Bank Ltd.** as mentioned below: Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & (12), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrowers below named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers below named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrowers below named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount as mentioned below and interest till the repayment of entire dues.

City Union Bank Ltd., B.M. Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511.

I. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. Kabbalamma Enterprises and Travels, No.3, Kodipalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore - 560060. 2) Mr. K.B. Jayakumara, S/o.Mr. Bhagiratha, Kailancha Hobli, Lakkajanahalli Post, Kandanakuppe, Ramanagara - 562159. 3) Mrs. Deepashree, W/o. Mr. K.B. Jayakumara, Kailancha Hobli, Lakkajanahalli Post, Kandanakuppe, Ramanagara - 562159. 4) Mrs. Ramadevi, W/o. Mr. Manjunath, No.13, 2nd cross, 2nd Main Road, Pantrapalya, Nayandahalli, Bangalore - 560039.

Date of Demand Notice : 29-06-2021 followed by Paper Publication dated **18-08-2021. Date of Possession : 24-11-2021. Amount Outstanding : Rs.26,08,856/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six Only)** within 60 days from the date of the said notice with subsequent interest thereon from **20-10-2021** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note : 1) That our **198-Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch** has also extended financial assistance **(CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080062511)** dated **30-03-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which No.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-obligants and No. 4 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.2,15,000/-** at a ROI of **16.25%** The same has been also classified as **NPA on 30-11-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **19-10-2021** is **Rs.2,81,666/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **20-10-2021** till the date of realization.

2.That our **198-Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch** has also extended financial assistance **(CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080059625)** dated **30-12-2019** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-obligants and No.4 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.2,10,000/-** at a ROI of **16.25%** The same has been also classified as **NPA on 30-11-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **19-10-2021** is **Rs.2,77,016/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **20-10-2021** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mrs. Ramadevi, W/o. Mr. Manjunath)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No.43/3/1, New Municipal No.13, PID 39-15-13 measuring East to West 28 feet and North to South 40 feet together with 1,120 Sq.feet situated at Chandra Layout, 2nd Main Road, Nayandahalli, Bangalore. Bounded on the East by : Passage belonging to applicant's father and Property belonging to Gramathana, West by : Private Property, North by : Nayandahalli Road, South by : House and Vacant Site of Byrappa.

Place : Bengaluru - Ramanagara, Date : 24-11-2021

II. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. ASK Tahura Spices, Shop No.3, JM Trust Building, Kanakapura - 562117. No.2) Mr. Muqeeb ur Rahman, S/o. Abdul Razak, No.19, Muslim Block, Old Police Station Road, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara - 562117. No.3) Mrs. Sameera Kousar, W/o. Muqeeb ur Rahman, No.19, Muslim Block, Old Police Station Road, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara - 562117. No.4) Mr. Shujath Hussain, S/o. Abdul Razak, No.19, Muslim Block, Old Police Station Road, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara - 562117.

Date of Demand Notice : 16-07-2021 followed by Paper Publication dated **02-09-2021. Date of Possession : 25-11-2021. Amount Outstanding : Rs.17,98,801/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and One Only)** within 60 days from the date of the said notice with subsequent interest thereon from **01-11-2021** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note : 1) That our **198 - Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch** has also extended financial assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080062590) dated **18-09-2017** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.**2 and 3** of you stood as Co-obligants and No.**4** of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.75,000/-** at a ROI of **15.50%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **30-11-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **31-10-2021** is **Rs.97,453/-** plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from **01-11-2021** till the date of realization.

2) That our **198 - Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch** has also extended financial assistance (FITL - ADHOC : 501912090018541) dated **16-10-2020** requested by No.**1** of you represented by No.**2** of you as Proprietor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.1,24,000/-** at a ROI of **14.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **30-11-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **31-10-2021** is **Rs.1,45,542/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **01-11-2021** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mr. Shujath Hussain, S/o. Abdul Razak)

All that piece and Parcel of Property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No.5416/3626, Present Khatha No.5416/A/3626/A. Measuring : East to West 15 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, situated at Azeez Nagar, Ward No.15, Kanakapura Town, Ramanagara Distirct. Bounded on the : East by : House of Rizwana, West by : Remaining Property of Sharfi, in Same number, North by : Municipal Road, South by : Halla.

III. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. Sultan Enterprises, W.No.9/4660, Panchamoole, Near Revanasiddeshwara Temple, Ramanagaram, Karnataka - 562159. No.2) Mr. Shafi Ahamed, S/o. Late Nazeer Ahmed, at House No.4660, Ward No.09, Panchamoole Circle, Ramanagaram, Karnataka - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Sultan, W/o. Shafi Ahamed, at House No.4660, Ward No.09, Near Revanasiddeshwara Temple, Ramanagaram, Karnataka - 562159.

Date of Demand Notice: 20-09-2021 Date of Possession: 25-11-2021. Amount Outstanding : Rs.10,45,811/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice with subsequent interest thereon from **23-11-2021** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1 : (Properties Owned by Mr. Shafi Ahamed, S/o. Late Nazeer Ahmed)

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Old Municipal Khata No.4660, New 278/261/4660, PID No.9-2-512-42. East to West (7.55 + 9.00/2 Metres) and North to South (28.40 Metres). In all 235.01 Sq.Metres situated at Ward No.09, 2nd Block, 2nd A Main Road, Shettihalli Beedhi, Ramanagara District. Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property of Ramachandrappa, North by : Property of Gopal, South by : Galli.

Place : Bengaluru - Ramanagara,
Date : 25-11-2021

Authorised Officer
City Union Bank Ltd.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **e-action website https://www.mstcecommerce.com "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date &am/pm; Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sl No.	Name & address of Borrower/s /Guarantor/ s/ Mortgagor (s)	Detailed description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any	Branch Name/Total Dues.	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD amount, Bid Increase Amount.	Last date and time of receipt of EMD	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1	**1) Sri. D. N. Doreswamy** S/o. Nanjunda Gowda H. No. 2535, Gollahalli Main Road, Hebbagodi, Bommasandra Post, Bangalore – 560099 **2) Smt. Kamalakshi** W/o. D. N. Doreswamy, H.No. 2535, Gollahalli Main Road, Hebbagodi, Bommasandra Post, Bangalore - 560099	All that part and parcel of the property Sy No. 146/6, Hebbagodi Grama, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560099 measuring 6 Guntas or 6534 Sq feet (1 Gunta is equal to 1089 feet) and bounded on North by: Private Property South by: Gopala Reddy S Land. East by: Raja Kaluve, West by: Property of Same Number belonging to Chandrashekar Reddy.	BRANCH : Brigade Road (Trinity Circle) Tel No.080-25584064, E-Mail: brigad@bankofbaroda.co.in Rs.18,46,331.45 as on 31.10.2021 (plus Further interest and other charges.	23.12.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs.3,40,00,000/-Lakhs EMD: Rs.34,00,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs.1,00,000/-	22.12.2021 Time: 05:00PM	Constructive	With prior Appointment from Authorized officer
2	**Mr. Vijay Kumar K G S/o. K N Gangadhar** No. 141, 2nd Floor, 9th Cross, 2nd Main, 1st Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097 **Mrs. Swapna** W/o. Vijay Kumar K G No. 141, 2nd Floor, 9th Cross, 2nd Main, 1st Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097. **Mr. Prashanth M S** S/o. Mr. Srinivas Mahadikar, Ground Floor, Block 1, No. 09, Prestige Blue Chip, Hosur Road, Bangalore – 560029. **Mr. Vishal Raj S/o. Devarajan,** Flat No. 19, Sri Dev Residency, 4th Cross, Chowdaiah Block, R T Nagar, Near Siddartha Public School, Bangalore - 560032	**Schedule A:** Property bearing No. 02, Assessment No. 84/1, Khatha No. 1785, Municipal No. 54, Present Bangalore Mahanagara Palike vide BMP PID No. 96-49-54, Manjunatha Layout Main Road, situated at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Measuring East to West 72 Feet and North to South 40 Feet and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: 25 Feet Road, North by: Property No. 3-4&5, South by: Property No. 01 **Schedule B:** All the part and parcel Mortgage of property No. Flat No. T-2, 3 BHK, 3rd Floor in apartment 'Raghavendra Gate Way', PID No. 96-49-54/9, measuring 1590 Sq. Ft with an undivided share of 360 Sq. Ft of right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property with one covered car parking space in the basement, situated at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Manjunatha Layout Main Road, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore	BRANCH : Brigade Road (Trinity Circle) Tel No.080-25584064, E-Mail: brigad@bankofbaroda.co.in Rs.Rs.44,34,326/- as on 18.11.2021 (plus Further interest and other charges.	23/12/2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs.68,00,000/- EMD: Rs.6,80,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs.25000/-	22.12.2021 Time: 05:00PM	Constructive	With prior Appointment from Authorized officer
3	**1) M/s. P and S Creations, Proprietrix: Mrs. Poonam Sanjay Bathija,** No. 04, Basement, Nala Cross, Udaseen Ashram Road, K S Garden, Off. K H Road, Bangalore – 560027 **2) Mrs. Poonam Sanjay Bathija, Proprietrix: M/s. P and S Creation,** No. 15, P and S Pride, 5th Cross, Swathi Main, Lakshmi Road, 5th Cross, Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore – 560027 **3) Guarantor: Mr. Sanjay V Bathija,** No. 4, Basement, Nala Cross, Udasheen Ashram Road, K S Garden, Off. K H Road, Bangalore – 560027 **also at:** Site No. 15, P and S Pride, 5th Cross, Swathi Main, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore - 560027	All that piece and parcel EMDTD of property No. 4, P and S Shelters, Sy. No. 84/6, No. 983, 4th Cross, K S Garden, Doddabylukgane, land totally measuring 2847 Sq. Ft with building with Ground + 3 Floors + terrace having toatal area of 11371 Sq. Ft and bounded on: East by: Road, On the West by: NALA, On the North by: Shanthappa's Property, On the South by: R. Naidu Propery.	BRANCH : Shanthinagar Ph: 22221504 E-Mail: vjshan@bankofbaroda.co.in Rs.2,46,00,476.91/- as on 31.10.2021 plus Further interest and other charges.	23/12/2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs.3,35,23,490/- EMD: Rs.33,52,349/ Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 1,00,000/-	21.12.2021 Time: 05:00PM	Constructive	With prior Appointment from authorized officer
4	**1) M/s. P S Clothing, Proprietor: Mr. Sanjay V Bathija,** No. 04, Basement, Nala Cross, Udaseen Ashram Road, K S Garden, Off. K H Road, Bangalore – 560027 **2) Mr. Sanjay V Bathija, Proprietor: M/s. P S Clothing,** Site No. 15, P and S Pride, 5th Cross, Swathi Main Road, Lakshmi Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore – 560027. **Guarantor: 3) Mrs. Poonam Sanjay Bathija,** No. 4, Basement, Nala Cross, Udasheen Ashram Road, K S Garden, Off. K H Road, Bangalore – 560027 **also at:** Site No. 15, P and S Pride, 5th Cross, Swathi Main Road, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore - 560027	EMDTD of all that piece and parcel of the land and building existing and or to be constructed thereon, bearing Site No. 16/1, PID No. 70-54-16/1, situated at Swathi Main Road, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Ward No. 70, Shanthinagar measuring East to West 67 Ft and North to South 16 Ft, totally 1072 Sq. Ft and bounded on On the East by: Drainage Canal, On the West by: Road, On the North by: Northern Portion of same property, On the South by: Site No. 15.	BRANCH : Shanthinagar Ph: 22221504 E-Mail: vjshan@bankofbaroda.co.in Rs.2,09,71,930.74/- as on 31.10.2021 plus Further interest and other charges.	23.12.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs.2,30,00,000/- EMD: 23,00,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 1,00,000/-	21.12.2021 Time: 05:00PM	Constructive	With prior Appointment from authorized officer
5	**1)Mr. Mohammed Shafiq** S/o Late Shaukath Hussain, No.24/1, 20th Cross, Kanaka Nagar, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032 **2) Mrs. Najeebunnisa** W/o Late Shaukath Hussain No.24/1, 20th Cross, Kanaka Nagar, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032 **3) Mrs. Samira Afrin (Guarantor)** W/o Mohammed Shafiq No.24/1, 20th Cross, Kanaka Nagar, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Southern Portion of Site No 15/1, formed in property Assessment No 33/15 and 34/9, situated at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently under the jurisdiction of BBMP Old Ward No 96, New No 33, now known as Municipal No 9, PID No 96-172-9 situated at 3rd Main Road, 1st Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bangalore Land Area 680 sq. ft. Built up area - 1680 sq. ft. G+2 and bounded by: East: Site No 14, West: Road, North: Remaining Portion of same property, South By: Site No 16,	K.G.Road Branch Phone: .Phone: .22268106 E-Mail: bangal@bankofbaroda.com Rs 75,17,194.20/- plus Further interest and other charges.	23.12.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs.94,00,000/- EMD Amount: Rs.9,40,000 /- BID Increase Amount: Rs.50,000/-	22.12.2021 Time: 05:00PM	Constructive Possession	With prior Appointment from Authorized officer
6	**Mr. Vijay Kumar P** S/o Late Prakash No.8, Ellamma Temple Road, Horamavu Post, Bangalore-560043 **2) Mrs. Manjula M** W/o Late Prakash both are residing at No.8, Ellamma Temple Road, Horamavu Post, Bangalore-560043	All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Gramatana Khaneshumari Khatha No 88 situated at Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 560043 Land Area 940 sq. ft. Built up area - 1297 sq. ft. G+1 and bounded by:East: Formerly Road presently Mariyamma Temple Street, West: Formerly Yamanna's House presently Narayanappa's House, North: Formerly Shamanna's House presently Vasudev House, South By: Formerly Road presently Cross Road	K.G.Road Branch Phone: .22268106 E-Mail: bangal@bankofbaroda.com Rs.50,04,117.96 plus Further interest and other charges.	23.12.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs.61

Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge slammed the Centre over Chinese incursions. "In Arunachal, BJP govt let's China to build villages. In UP, BJP govt showcases Chinese airport as its own. In Ladakh, It surrenders and cedes our territory to Chinese. BJP has transformed into Beijing Janata Party!" he tweeted.

Omicron: Covid screening at 3 AP airports from Dec 1

International passengers to be tested at Vizag, Vijayawada, Tirupati

S GURU SRIKANTH @ Vijayawada

WITH the Centre issuing an alert to all the States in the wake of rising global concerns over Omicron, the Andhra Pradesh government has decided to screen international passengers arriving at Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Tirupati airports from December 1.

The Medical and Health Department will set up special screening centres at the three airports by Wednesday and at the same time alert the vast network of village/ward volunteers in the State to closely monitor the arrival of people from abroad. The Centre has already advised the States to closely monitor the arrival of international passengers.

According to a senior medical and health official, all the international passengers, particularly from those countries which are designated 'at risk', will be screened for Covid-19 by conducting RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) and RT-PCR test. Results of RAT are available within a few minutes, while RT-PCR test results can be obtained in about six hours.

"Samples of those who tested positive, will be sent for Covid-19 whole genome sequencing to verify if they have any mutated variant like Omicron, double strain, delta and delta plus. At the same time, those who tested positive will be kept in isolation in hospital. Those who tested negative, will be allowed to go and advised to restrict their movements for 9-10 days," the senior official told TNIE.

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>
> -- Senior official

According to sources in the department, the State is expected to have its own Covid whole genome sequencing laboratory at Siddhartha Medical College in Vijayawada by the first week of December.

The lab is being set up in coordination with the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, and it is sponsored by the State Bank of India. A six-member team from the health department has been sent to the CCMB for training in genome sequencing.

Spl officers to monitor int'l flyers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

WITH the detection of around hundred cases of the new Omicron variant of Covid-19 around the world, the State health department is set to appoint supervising officers who will monitor screening of passengers at airports. The variant was first detected in South Africa.

Addressing media persons here in the Chennai Airport, Health Minister Ma Subramanian said the officers will be appointed at four major airports in the State -- Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchy, and Coimbatore. "Eighty-eight cases of Omicron variant have been reported in five countries -- South Africa, Botswana, Hong Kong, Israel, and Belgium.

The minister said all the flyers are subjected to RT-PCR test and their samples are sent to labs for genomic sequencing to find out the variant. He said flyers from South Africa, Brazil, China, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Israel have to undergo home quarantine upon arrival and they would be screened twice after eight days.

MED VARSITY SHUT AFTER 30 TEST POSITIVE

Hyderabad: A day after 25 students and five teachers tested positive for Covid-19 at the Tech Mahindra University in Medchal, the District Medical Health Officer asked for the closure of the university for two weeks. This comes in light of the fact that nearly 1,300 students are susceptible and could have been exposed to the virus. "We have advised 15-day home isolation for every person on the campus. The university has itself declared leave for all," said DMHO Dr Mallikarjun. This is not the first time that such outbreaks have been reported from educational institutes, as several residential schools have faced sporadic outbreaks.

CHENNAI RAIN AMONG HIGHEST IN 200 YEARS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

Clockwise from top: Rescue personnel arrive at Mudichur, Tambaram, in Chennai to take residents to safety on Saturday. A biker struggles to nagivate through the flood water and a bird's-eye view of a water logged locality | ASHWIN PRASATH

AS clouds continued to unload over Chennai on Saturday, the city crossed the 1,000-mm mark in terms of rainfall received this month. This has happened only three times before in the last 200 years (see table). With three days to go before the month ends, another record could well be broken.

Senior corporation officials said considering the magnitude of the rains, the impact has largely been mitigated though several areas are waterlogged. But residents complained that many parts of the city, including parts of T Nagar, such as Usman Road, are severely inundated. The Narayana Puram lake in Velachery overflowed onto the roads, and the Semmenchery Lake engulfed the OMR.

Chandramouli, who works at a private firm in T Nagar, said he was asked to shift out of his hostel in KK Nagar due to waterlogging. "We are moving to relatives' houses and taking along those who don't have relatives in the city. Cabs and autos don't come here, so we have to walk to catch a bus," he said.

In Velachery, residents of AGS Colony are surrounded by three-ft-deep water, and senior citizens are being shifted out, said M Sudha, joint secretary of the AGS Colony Residents Welfare Association. "Even in case of an emergency, we can't step out because it's not just rainwater, but sewage too. We can't even sit in our living rooms because of the smell," Sudha said. S Gunasekaran, another resident, said the single disposal point at Veerangal Odai is insufficient to drain out water.

MEGA MONSOONS

Here are the four times Chennai recorded more than 1,000 mm of rain in a month

Nov 1918	1,088 mm
Oct 2005	1,078 mm
Nov 2015	1,049 mm
Nov 2021	*1,003 mm

Source: IMD (*till 7.30 pm, Nov 27)

Reports suggest Chennai got more than 1,000 mm of rain in November 1985 as well, but there is no clarity on the quantum of rainfall

STALIN INSPECTS RELIEF WORKS

Chennai: Amidst downpour, Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday inspected ongoing relief works in rain-affected areas in the city and directed the officials to drain stagnated water on a war footing. The Chief Minister visited Vijayaraghavachari Road in T Nagar at around 7.30 pm. He also inspected the works on pumping out stagnat rainwater at GN Road, Bazulla Road, and Thirumalai Road. Ministers and senior officials were present during the visits.

AMRUTH MOMENT

Students take part in a rangoli competition at an event organised as part of 'Aazadi ka Amruth Mahotsav' in Vijayawada on Saturday | PRASANT MADUGULA

Madras HC rules in favour of adoptive mom in custody case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AS two sisters-in-law engaged in an emotional battle for custody of a child, the Madras High Court recently ruled that the girl should be handed to her adoptive mother. The biological mother will get unrestricted access to the 10-year-old on the weekends though.

The girl's biological parents - Sivakumar and Saranya - gave her up for adoption in 2012 to Sivakumar's sister Sathya, as she and her husband Ramesh were childless. However, when Ramesh died of an illness in 2019, they demanded the girl back.

Sathya refused, and as the tussle continued, Saranya lodged a complaint with the Salem Commissioner of Police on October 27. The complaint was forwarded to the All Women Police Station in Ammapet, who informed the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) of the dispute. The CWC issued a reception order and handed the girl to the Reception Home.

On October 29, Saranya and Sathya filed separate habeas corpus petitions before the Madras High Court, and Sathya later approached the Supreme Court for issuance of a writ of habeas corpus. The apex court on November 13 ordered the parties to appear before the Madras High Court.

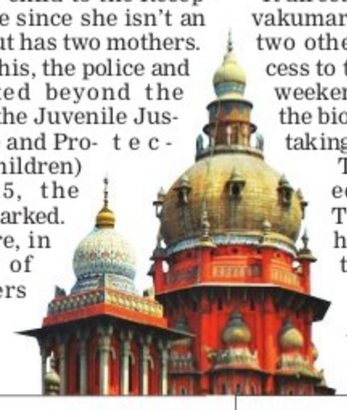
A division bench of the court, comprising Justices PN Prakash and R Hemalatha, took up the matter on November 23, and referred it to the mediation and conciliation centre.

It rapped the police and CWC for their handling of the case, and said it was illegal to admit the child to the Reception Home since she isn't an orphan but has two mothers. In doing this, the police and CWC acted beyond the scope of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the court remarked. "Therefore, in exercise of our powers under Sections 226 and 227 of the Constitution, we hereby set aside the order of the CWC, Salem, and hand over the child to Sathya," the court ordered.

> it was illegal to admit the child to the Reception Home since she isn't an orphan but has two mothers. In doing this, the police and CWC acted beyond the scope of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 — Madras High Court

It directed Sathya to give Sivakumar, Saranya and their two other children free access to the adopted child on weekends, and restrained the biological parents from taking custody of the girl.

The court appreciated mediator Ratna Thara for her deft handling of the sensitive case. The matter was posted to December 21 for further proceedings.



ILLICIT AFFAIR

Woman, lover tied to pole, beaten up

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A woman and her paramour were tied to a pole and beaten up for having an illicit relationship at Hemmaragala village in Nanjangud taluk. They were forced to starve for several hours.

Family members of the woman and several village leaders tied the couple to a pole and mercilessly hit them the whole night while residents stood as mute spectators. A video of the incident has gone viral on social media. According to onlookers, Parvathi (name changed), who was married to a man from the village, got separated several years back over a dispute. The couple had three children, two were taken care of by her ex-husband, while the younger one was under Parvathi's care. She was working at a coffee estate in Madikeri before returning to her village recently.

On Wednesday night, a man from Madikeri had visited her, which enraged Parvathi's ex-husband, leading to the incident.

Kowlande police rushed to the spot and rescued the couple. Parvathi's ex-husband has been detained.

SKILL DEVPT CORPN TO TRAIN NURSES, FARMERS GOING ABROAD

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

BE it demand for farmers in Japan or nurses in the United Kingdom, the Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC) is looking to plug the gap for labour in other countries, while also working pro bono as an agency for those who want to move outside India for employment.

At present, the corporation is training 60 nurses in IELTS (english language testing system), who are expected to go to the UK where there is a requirement of 45,000 nurses. The training started after a collaboration between KSDC and International Skill Development Corporation was inked in the last week of October, and it is expected to last six months.

Highlighting the huge demand for labour abroad, KSDC manager Kavitha Gowda told *The New Indian Express* that the corporation has seen huge demands for farmers from Japan, nurses for the UK and domestic helps and drivers from Gulf Cooperation Council countries.

"To work in a hospital there (UK), you have to clear IELTS. Nursing colleges will not train students for IELTS, and training for it outside will be cost intensive. Hence, we are facilitating them," she said. As for farmers, she said more details are being sought on the qualification required apart from the language proficiency. "We might reach out to agricultural universities where students are graduates, and will integrate in the last semester, free training for Japan," she added.

Tom Mannapurathu Joseph, director, strategy and development, ISDC Global, told TNIE that the corporation is looking at training 1,000 nurses from Karnataka over the next two years. "Training them to qualify the exams (IELTS) will take between three and six months. There is a demand for 45,000 nurses in the UK and we are also working with Tamil Nadu to upskill 8,000 nurses," he added.

EXPRESS READ

Sabarimala earns Rs 11 crore in 11 days

Sabarimala: Total revenue at Lord Ayyappa temple during the first 11 days of the ongoing pilgrimage season stood at Rs 11 crore. The revenue during the corresponding period of 2020-2021 pilgrimage season was only Rs 1.72 crore. The sharp increase in revenue is due to arrival of higher number of pilgrims, said the Travancore Devaswom Board chief. ENS

Uniform Holy Mass from today

Kochi: With the uniform way of celebrating Holy Mass set to be implemented in the Syro-Malabar Church from Sunday, the Ernakualm-Angamaly archdiocese on Saturday granted an exemption to all the churches under it, citing a letter from the Vatican. Other dioceses, including Palakkad, Thrissur nd Thamarassery and Changanassery, have decided to follow the new mode from Sunday. ENS

Lost and Found

Lost my original sale deed registered as document No.HLS-1-01642/2015-16 in sub registrar office Halasuru on 09/07/2015 belonging to property No.69/4 third floor, M M Road Frazer Town. FIR has been lodged through online vide lost Article Report No. 0096674/201/21.dt:25/11/2021 Finder may inform

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Great tomato robbery: 3 crates worth ₹7K stolen

> Vegetable stocks reach the market every night around 2 am and the miscreants might have conducted recce and committed the crime taking the advantage of the situation
>
> Local vendor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada/Kurnool

THIEVES broke into the Penuchanchiprolu vegetable market late Thursday night and stole the most valuable thing available there - tomatoes. Yes, three crates of tomatoes worth ₹7,000 in the open market were stolen from the market.

With the prices of the produce touching ₹100 and more in wholesale and also retail markets, the miscreants stole the produce kept by a trader. According to Penuganchiprolu police, the incident happened Thursday night hours and came to light Friday after the vegetable shop vendor noticed that three crates of tomatoes unloaded in front of his shop premises were missing. ₹₹Each crate would have around 20 kilos of tomatoes and the total loss incurred to the trader is estimated to be around Rs 7,000," the police said.

Shop keepers suspect that it could be a handiwork of people who know the market very well and timings of the vehicles come for unloading the stocks. Penuganchiprolu police said no case has been registered as the trader did not lodge a complaint.

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(As per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated as below calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

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Pain is only relevant if it still hurts — Ed Sheeran

COVID VARIANT OMICRON SHAKES UP SMUG WORLD

THE THIRD EYE

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JUST when the world thought it was safe to go back to a new normal, to exhale fear and inhale hope, a new variant crashed into the headlines. The new 'variant of concern' B.1.1.529 — now christened Omicron after the 15th letter of the Greek alphabet — discovered in South Africa has triggered a wave of fear.

It is said fear has no bottom. The appearance of Omicron led a trail of red across the financial markets. On Black Friday, a day when north America and other parts of the world celebrate discount shopping, investors bled value, losing trillions in gains painfully accumulated over weeks and months. In India, investors owning stocks lost over ₹7 lakh crore in a single day as the Sensex tumbled 1,687 points and the Nifty 509 points sliding back to levels seen in August. Almost on cue, as if this was muscle memory, countries imposed travel restrictions — the phraseology of lockdowns and quarantine has reappeared like a Netflix sequel.

There is cause for worry. The key factors for concern with any new variant are transmissibility, lethality and vaccine efficacy. The characteristics of Omicron have raised alarm. It has a larger number of mutations than witnessed in others. More critically, the WHO says "preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of reinfection with this variant, as compared to other VOCs". It is early days as yet but the big worry is about "how the variant may affect diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines."

The appearance of a new variant — scarcely surprising as this is what the virus does mutating between vaccinated and unvaccinated folks — has shaken the smugness of the developed world. It finds itself vulnerable thanks to its complacency about the asymmetry of capacity which has left large parts of the world without vaccines. Till this week, over 4.2 billion people, roughly five of ten persons in the world, have had one dose of the vaccine. Nearly 7.9 billion doses have been administered but barely 6 per cent of those in the low income countries have got even one dose. The maxim 'no one is safe until everyone is safe' is at play.

The wide chasm between have and have-nots is not unexpected. The WHO 2019 report by the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board clearly illuminated the state of affairs. It stated explicitly that "there is a very real threat of a rapidly moving, highly lethal pandemic of a respiratory pathogen killing 50 to 80 million people and wiping out nearly 5% of the world's economy" and pointed out that it would take less than 36 hours for any contagion to spread. "The world," it said "is not prepared for a fast-moving, virulent respiratory pathogen pandemic."

It is the gap between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated which fuels the rise of variants. The developed world needs to get its cost analysis right. Thanks to the pandemic in 2020, every nation bar China in the G7 grouping took a hit. The services sector, which accounts for over two thirds of these economies, cannot approach normalcy without deploying vaccines globally to control the pandemic. Currently, around 30 million doses are administered per day — a rate at which the virus will have a field day for months.

The WHO estimates that at least 11 billion doses are needed to vaccinate 70 per cent of the world's population. There has been much lather about donations. The narrative reeks of tokenism — about giving the poorer world with X or Y number of doses well short of the need. There is an urgent need for an objective mechanism for vaccine recognition across the world. More critical is the call to open up vaccine production. Pious words about vaccine patents are not enough. The need is to make it happen to scale up output and availability of vaccines. The richer world needs to come to terms with the fact that the cost of global vaccination coverage will have to be absorbed in their recovery plan. Whether or not the developed world evolves to recognise self-interest — aka averting loss of billions of dollars in economic output —or revert to tired thesis of lockdowns depends on how enlightened the leadership is and on the evolution of the virus.

What the developed world does or does not do has implications — particularly for the developing world. India cannot afford another episode of human and economic distress and, therefore, it must eschew complacency. Yes, the billion plus vaccinations are a definite achievement but much ground remains to be covered. Also, new studies reveal weakening in the potency of the vaccines over a period of time — the EU has placed a nine-month expiry on vaccine efficacy. India must take a call on booster shots. And, there are gaps in public policy which need revival of the Centre-state consultation and collaboration. The PMO must revive the bi-weekly meetings of state health ministers to track cases and oversee health care capacities of beds/oxygen etc, allocate funding for INSACOG to enable monitoring of virus and modelling of the trajectory of infections and open up granular data with ICMR for scholars so India can benefit from real-time analysis.

Finally, there is the importance of public behaviour. Millions of Indians, those vaccinated and unvaccinated, seem to be invested in the kinetics of karma endangering not only their own health but the lives of others. India and Indians cannot afford the loss of lives and livelihoods witnessed in the first two phases. Mask up please!

THE REACH OF INTOLERANT MINDS

POINT OF VIEW

TJS GEORGE

WHERE are we headed? Seventy-four years after Independence, fifty-seven years after the death of Jawaharlal Nehru, three years after Atal Bihari Vajpayee's death, where are we headed? Seven years after Narendra Modi changed the grammar of politics, where are we headed?

Answers to these questions should not be hurried. They must take into account some recent developments that point to new realities that have become part of our lives. The answers that come out of these realities may be difficult to stomach. But there is no way out. For example, in Gujarat's Anand district, mobs collected to protest the opening of Blue Ivy, a hotel owned by two Muslims and a Hindu. Some 50 people purified the area with Gangajal and then declared that whoever lived in India must say "Jai Sri Ram." One demonstrator stood out with his shout that "Muslims should be beggars, not hotel owners."

Only a minority of hardliners could have paid heed to such a vicious call. The vast majority would have hung on to Soli Sorabjee's call: "Tolerance is particularly needed in large and complex societies, comprising people with varied beliefs... Tolerance is the ultimate rationale of pluralism." Read this alongside the observation of the Madras High Court: "Freedom of expression protects not merely ideas that are accepted, but also those that offend, shock or disturb."

Soli Sorabjee and the Madras High Court, like all rational individuals and institutions, see the multiculturalism of India as the country's asset. There are 121 languages in India and 270 mother tongues, according to official estimates. All the religions of the world also have adherents in the country. To liberated minds, these are happy statistics, underlining the cultural diversity of India.

The reality that must be faced is that intolerant minds co-exist with liberated ones in our vast and fertile country. Intolerance has grown at policy levels after partisanship was elevated to nationalism under the banner of the BJP and Narendra Modi. A new kind of nationalism took over and divisiveness followed suit.

Strange as it may seem, India today and India yesterday are two different countries. Yesterday democracy functioned under checks and balances. Today tricks and challenges have taken over. Attention was drawn to this shift by none other than the former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Ajit Prakash Shah. Citing Arthur Koestler's immortal novel Darkness At Noon he described how "darkness fell at noon in India too." He said the death of Stan Swamy in custody at the age of 84 was "much more than the death of an activist accused of terrorist activities. It is the result of a systemic abuse of majoritarian authority and disregard for the rule of law." Sharp words, sharply put.

Recalling how the court repeatedly rejected Swamy's bail applications despite his desperate medical condition (degenerative Parkinson's made him incapable of even holding a spoon), Justice Shah moaned the "lack of sensitivity on the part of judges which is deeply saddening."

The lack of sensitivity was by no means confined to the judges. It swept across all segments of society. This was natural considering the fact that government policies now carried the claim of patriotism. That the government of the day followed an ideological standard decreed by the party it represented made a fundamental difference to attitudes. Patriotism itself attracted new definitions.

In their eagerness to achieve power and retain it, BJP's current leaders resort to gimmicks that gentleman leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee would have shunned. It is this self-generated devaluation that makes today's BJP less attractive than yesterday's. The party has now become one man's instrument to retain power.

The judiciary sometimes acts in ways that legal experts find questionable. The unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act ensures that large numbers of citizens spend their days in jail, awaiting trial. "The logic of this veers on the absurd," as Justice Shah put it. "Posterity will blame the judiciary for the incarnation and unfortunate death of Stan Swamy, and the continued imprisonment of so many others like him." Swamy, of course, they couldn't get; he showed his spirit by saying: "A caged bird can still sing." Such men never die.

In the circumstances, it is no surprise that India has lost the international image of virtuousness that it enjoyed in the early years. When India initiated the concept of non-alignment, it opened a chapter of its own in world affairs. Even those who were adversely affected by the non-alignment of the most important "former colony" were forced to acknowledge the historical importance of the concept. In those early years, India involved itself constructively in activities that benefited the world as a whole. Seventy-four years after Independence, where are we headed?

MAMATA ISN'T YET AN ALTERNATIVE TO MODI

POWER & POLITICS

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WINNERS are predators. From Congress to BJP, national parties draw disgruntled leaders and minnows with big dreams into their net after every election. The search for an individual or a coalition to pick up the saffron gauntlet is on after Mamata Banerjee's high-stakes Bengal win and the Congress' sterling performance in the recent by-elections.

Akhilesh Yadav is increasing the footprint of his Samajwadi Party by taking over smaller caste- and community-based parties. Didi leads the predatory pack, unleashing a high voltage campaign to snaffle local leaders, academics, entertainers to widen her geographical and cultural dominion of acceptability. TMC is on the prowl from Meghalaya to Maharashtra looking for easy prey. Her objective: convert herself from a regional leader to a pan-Indian political personality. For the second time, a regional outfit is making a serious bid to become a third national party after the BJP and the Congress. A decade ago, another female chief minister Mayawati made a futile attempt by getting BSP to contest elections in numerous states, including in the South. It was a super flop.

To pun on a trademark Bengali obsession, Mamata is a different kettle of fish. Her promoters feel that she is no self-caged Mayawati who rarely steps out of her palatial residences in Delhi or Lucknow. Didi has all the requisite qualities of a national leader. With over two decades of administrative experience and a three-time public mandate, she feels the time has come to spread wings beyond Bengal's skies. Mamata is a street fighter and has established herself as the only real warrior taking on the BJP and its super-powerful, popular leader Narendra Modi. She has borrowed from her own playbook by corralling celebrities or personalities with national recall. And, she is wooing lost causes in the Congress, which she had herself chucked to form TMC in 1998.

She began her national recruitment drive just before the last Assembly elections by inducting former Union Minister and articulate leader Yashwant Sinha as the party vice-president. A persistent Modi-baiter, Sinha praised Mamata for her lone wolf courage. "Mamata has always been a fighter and she is still a fighter. When the Indian Airlines flight was hijacked and terrorists took it to Kandahar, she offered to become a hostage. She was ready to sacrifice her life in return for the lives of the hostages in the plane," he said. Later, many BJP middle- and lower-level leaders including newly elected MLAs returned to TMC. But Mamata's primary target appears to be the Congress.

Last week, former Meghalaya chief minister Mukul Sangma along with 11 of 17 Congress MLAs formally merged with the TMC, saying that the party is the most viable pan-India option to look after Meghalaya, the Northeast, and the rest of India. This sassy switcheroo was the second big operation after Sushmita Dev, a powerful young Congress leader from Assam, joined TMC. Then former Goa chief minister and veteran Congress leader Luizinho Faleiro left Congress for the TMC and was rewarded with a Rajya Sabha seat. Faleiro's statement reflected the real designs behind Didi's expansionist strategy — "I worked to safeguard the ideology and principles of Congress for 40 years. Congress is now fragmented between Sharad Pawar's Congress, Trinamool Congress and YSR Congress. We have to once again consolidate the Congress family so that together we can defeat the BJP. . My dream is to bring the Congress family together because wherever there is unity, there is strength and strength will bring victory."

Nafisa Ali, a has-been actress who had contested unsuccessfully on Congress tickets, also jumped on the Bengal bandwagon, saying, "The Congress has let its voters down and Mamata Banerjee is the new Congress of India. The TMC can fight against a hate-filled agenda that divides secular India." There were more fortune seekers like ex-diplomat Pavan Varma, Indian tennis icon Leader Paes and a couple of former civil servants who expressed their allegiance to the emerging alternative to the Congress. Some of them were rewarded with plum assignments.

The tea leaves do not say whether Mamata's attempt to establish pan-India credibility would fructify. With national politics becoming mainly personally driven, India is looking for an alternative leader who can provide a better model of politics and governance than Modified BJP, whose 'One Leader, One Slogan, One Agenda' aims to make India 'Congress Mukt Bharat.' Modi has broken all community and caste affiliations in large parts of India and has established himself a messiah of all castes, communities and a man for all causes. No leader other than Indira Gandhi has acquired such a national stature. She was defeated just once, only because of her arrogance, corruption and the Emergency. This was possible because the Opposition had ace anchor Jayprakash Narayan who brought all anti-Congress formations from the extreme Right to the extreme Left and RSS together. He was able to nudge top Congressmen like Jagjivan Ram and HN Bahuguna to leave.

At the moment, Didi is neither an individual nor an ideological alternative to Modi. To become a topper in the all-India political exam, MBA (Mamata Banerjee Alternative) has to do her homework better.

The JP movement didn't offer an alternative leader to Indira but a better and inclusive political formation in the form of consensus. It didn't last long due to internal contradictions, eccentricities and ambitions. Rajiv Gandhi, who became Prime Minister after Indira's assassination in October 1984, became the nation's darling who won a record 400-plus Lok Sabha seats. But he failed to keep his party together and was tainted by massive corruption charges. In 1989, he became the first Nehru-Gandhi family member who failed to get a second term. Again, this was possible because of yet another key anchor VP Singh who was acceptable to all parties from North to South. A massive rally at Chennai's Marina beach before the elections was attended or supported by over a dozen Opposition bigwigs like K Karunanidhi, Deve Gowda, HS Surjeet, NT Rama Rao, Jyoti Basu, LK Advani. Singh was even backed by ideological combatants CPM and BJP. The real coalition era had begun.

PV Narasimha Rao's minority government could complete its term through defections and merger of small parties. The BJP replaced the Congress because of the charisma and credibility of Atal Behari Vajpayee who could keep around 20 smaller parties together and complete his term. Yet, his party was defeated because of the desertion of regional parties coupled with arrogance of some saffron leaders.

Mamata is not JP or VP, or Atal or even Sonia Gandhi who emerged as a political fulcrum around whom a national alternative narrative was formed in 2004. Her marketing team is still hawking her as a leader who is looking for followers and not co-travellers to unseat Modi. She hasn't met all the relevant Opposition leaders to discuss the roadmap ahead. Mamata is a regional supremo who is yet to evolve into a national mandate magnet. Even Sharad Pawar, one of the tallest national leaders, couldn't shed his regional label. Didi's publicists are ignoring the fact that even now, it is the Congress which can give the BJP a fight in over 200 Lok Sabha seats. Even if the Bengal tigress lures away a few Congress leaders, she can only divide anti-BJP votes and thereby shoot herself in the foot. Mamata sans Bengal is at the most another version of Deve Gowda or IK Gujral.

Unless, she brings the Congress on board, her grand adventure to nationalise her regional party will fizzle out. At the moment, Didi is neither an individual nor an ideological alternative to Modi. To become a topper in the all-India political exam, MBA (Mamata Banerjee Alternative) has to do her homework better. With just 22 Lok Sabha seats, the TMC is the fourth largest party. But difference between the largest and TMC is over 270-plus seats. Mamata has many miles to go before she even makes it to the borders of Lutyen's New Delhi.

QUOTE CORNER

The new Covid-19 virus variant Omicron has a large number of mutations, some of which are concerning. This is why we need to speed up our efforts to deliver on vaccine equity ASAP and protect the most vulnerable everywhere.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

The security environment surrounding Japan has been rapidly changing at an unprecedented speed. Things that used to happen only in science-fiction novels are today's reality.

Fumio Kishida, Japan Prime Minister

We won't give in until we bury the enemy. What we want to see is an Ethiopia that stands on our sacrifices — either to be Ethiopian or to be Ethiopia. The enemy doesn't have the standing to compete with us, we will win.

Abiy Ahmed, Ethiopia Prime Minister

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Increase MGNREGS allocation

The government is increasing the funds allotted to the MGNREGS in bits and pieces although it is well known that the allotments so far made are insufficient to meet the demands. The funds allotted are exhausted in no time as the rural population is in distress because of the health crisis and they are in dire financial difficulties. In such situation, the government must after taking into account the realities allot funds commensurate with the requirements and not push the rural population to the extreme penury on political considerations.

V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

Salute to octogenarian activist

While numerous protests as in Lebanon, Hong Kong by the common men for veritable causes fizzled out, it is amazing that the farm protests which lasted for a year opposing the three agri laws had reached its culmination of consent to repeal the laws by the Centre. The struggle story of Nistar Singh at the age of 86 as an icon of endurance and tenacity in pursuing their goal is an illustration to the youth of our days who feel wilted and buckled while confronting hardships. The owner of a mere 1.6 acre of land had narrated the ordeals he faced during the struggle after feeling that the humiliations heaped on them is uncalled for. It is needless to say that numerous elders at protest sites became motivators to the youngsters. Barring a few unpleasant incidents, on the whole, it was a purposeful and peaceful agitation considering the number of days and the number of agitators.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Punish corrupt officials

The reports 'CBI gets nod to sanction retd judge for graft' and 'Decorated cop under NIA scanner' (both dated November 27) are obviously shocking. These top bureaucrats virtually corroded people's trust in our police and judicial mechanism. The customary practice of retention of corrupt government officials in service after nominal punishments is absolutely against the genuine interest of the country. Undoubtedly, people never expect authentic justice from tainted bureaucrats. This apart, abrogation/withdrawal of honours/awards conferred on such meretricious public servants is also imperative for sustaining the confidence of the people in our system.

Thomas K M, Ernakulam

Pangolin poaching on the up

Pangolin scales, claws and skin are in high demand. Poachers currently have monopolised street trade and exhibit pangolins explaining medicinal benefits for its extracts in boosting libido. Unless a systematic and stringent law is created, more street demonstrations will follow in the state.

M S Rao, Bengaluru

Didi belittling Congress

Success can bring humility. It can also breed arrogance. Mamata Banerjee seems to display arrogance by belittling Congress and standing against opposition unity. Her ambition to stand tallest among opposition leaders would have been achieved, by default, had she displayed humility. Congress would have had no option but to concede leadership had she not been too arrogant.

Captain Raju Mathai, Kochi

Let students decide dress code

Shorts and shirts for boys and a skirt and blouse for girls are the preferred dress code for Kerala schoolchildren for fairly long time. Now, the news of a school in the state deciding to implement a 'gender-neutral' school uniform has gone off the charts. However, it is an act of male domination – manifested in a new form – that goes against the aspirations of the majority of students (girls) who prefer the skirt and the blouse combination as their school uniform. So if gender equality is the issue, then students should be given the choice to wear what they feel like wearing, irrespective of their gender. It is a mistake to impose the male dress code on girls within this 'so-called' framework of gender neutrality.

K A Solaman, Alappuzha

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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₹49Cr renovation of Kala Academy in Goa awarded on pick & choose basis, no tender, no bid. PWD requests Techton to take up work.

Mayawati @Mayawati
Murder of four people of Dalit family in UP shows the poor law and order of govt. Seems like BJP is following footsteps of SP govt.

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
CM who is always immersed in the past, must assess the 16 years of his well-governing past, why has he made Bihar the worst state?

Quarantine mandatory in Mumbai for travellers from South Africa

Maharashtra issues guidelines to prevent new Covid variant, Rajasthan calls for flight ban

Passengers arriving in Ranchi show Covid-19 double vaccination certificates to airport officials on Saturday | PTI

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THE Maharashtra government has issued fresh guidelines for Covid-19, including revised restrictions and permissions for passengers arriving, amid the Omicron variant scare.

Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar issued new restrictions to curb the spread of the new variant. They say that travellers from South Africa arriving in Mumbai will undergo mandatory quarantine. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has urged the Central government to stop flights from South Africa, considering that the new variant is found there.

Maharashtra authorities have also been instructed to keep track of all international passengers coming to the state. The order further states that in case a passenger tests positive, then the samples will be sent for genome sequencing.

The orders came on Saturday after PM Narendra Modi held a meeting with health officials to review the new variant concern. The Centre directed the states to take rigorous steps and accelerate the screening of passengers. All travellers entering Maharashtra from any international destination shall be governed by the directions of the government.

Domestic travellers shall either be fully vaccinated or carry an RT-PCR test valid for 72 hours. Defaulters of Covid-appropriate behaviour, if found inside a taxi/bus or any four-wheeler will be fined ₹500 along with the driver/conductor. Owner of the transport agency in case of buses will be fined ₹1,000. Organisers, guests and staff members in any ticketed or non-ticketed event must be fully vaccinated.

Maharashtra minister Eknath Shinde also held a meeting to address the threat of the Omicron variant. He directed all hospitals and Covid care centres to have structural audits. He told district officials to ensure that oxygen, ventilators and other equipment are ready for emergency use.

Expressing concern over the Centre's decision to start international flights, Rajasthan CM Gehlot said the new variant has been found in many countries. "Many countries have banned flights from other countries affected by this infection, including South Africa. In such a situation, the Central government should reconsider its decision. There should be a ban on flights to and from countries where the new variant is spreading." Gehlot said in Jaipur.

The chief minister called a review meeting regarding the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in the state. The state's Medical and Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena, Chief Secretary Niranjan Arya, top officials of the medical department and medical experts discussed ways of preventing the virus from spreading, especially among the children. Measures like increasing testing, contact tracing and barricading in the severely infected areas were discussed at length. The government will issue an order to strictly follow the norms.

Indore witnesses rise in positive tests

In Indore, 12 fresh Covid-19 cases were reported in the last 24 hours. They included eight patients from two families. One patient is an employee of Military Hospital in Mhow. He might have got infected after coming in contact with Covid positive India Army personnel under isolation there.

Wary states reach for alert button

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE new variant of coronavirus called Omicron (B.1.1.529) is yet to be traced in India, but states are already on alert. Governments and health departments have started sending out messages to expedite the vaccination process and pay attention to Covid-appropriate behaviour. Some of them have also initiated the process of genome sequencing in order to trace the new variant.

Cases are rising in Madhya Pradesh and 12 tested positive in Indore in 24 hours, including eight from two families. The state government is keeping an eye on developments. "We're getting genome sequencing of samples of Covid patients done. So far, there is no case of the new variant in MP," said the state's Medical Education Minister Vishvas Sarang. "We're working on all Covid-related directions and advisories of the Centre."

Uttar Pradesh has advised screening of all international travellers. "This variant is reported to have a significantly high number of mutations and thus has a serious public health implication for the country in view of the recently relaxed visa restrictions and opening up of international travel," said a notification by UP's Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare.

"We are vigilant and prepared for any such variant. Instructions have been issued to ensure strict compliance with protocols and safety measures in public places," said Alok Shukla, Health Secretary of Chhattisgarh. He didn't rule out tracking and testing travellers from outside the state.

'DECISION TO EXPAND TAKEN AFTER BENGAL ELECTIONS'

TRINAMOOL Congress has a right to expand outside West Bengal, senior party leader and Member of Parliament **Saugata Roy** tells **H Khogen Singh**. After having tasted success in Meghalaya, he revealed that Trinamool is in talks with other parties in the Northeast to increase its footprint in the region.

Trinamool has become the second largest party in Meghalaya after 12 Congress MLAs joined your party. What else are you planning in the Northeast?
We are in talks with many parties all over the Northeast and we definitely plan to induct more people. We will also contest the elections in Manipur where polls are due in February next year. But which parties we are in touch with and with whom I cannot reveal at this moment. We are working on a plan in the Northeast, you will get to know when developments take place.

In Tripura your party contested the ongoing municipal elections. How do you think you will perform?
We are making full-fledged efforts in Tripura and we want to do well there but the Bharatiya Janata Party and its government has been totally high-handed and is making all efforts to halt our progress. In many municipalities, our candidates could not even file their nomination papers because of the violence unleashed by BJP. Even in Agartala there was violence despite the Supreme Court's directive to ensure free and fair voting. The state police did not do anything to stop this, they did not act.

You were recently in Delhi with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and inducted many leaders. What is the game plan of the Trinamool?
There is no game plan, we are only inducting people from other parties who want to join us. Many people approached us in Delhi that they would like to join so we took them in. Should we say no to people who want to join?

Is your party trying to become an alternative to the Congress?
No we don't have such plans. But at the same time, don't we have the right to expand outside West Bengal? What is wrong if we want to have a presence in other states, why should we confine ourselves to West Bengal only?

There is a feeling in some quarters that by expanding you are damaging the Congress and indirectly benefiting the BJP and its allies.

No our expansion plans are not aimed at the Congress nor will it benefit the BJP. How can it benefit BJP, we are fighting them in Tripura. If people have this impression we cannot help it, let them say what they want. The decision to spread elsewhere was taken after the elections in West Bengal. That is what we are doing.

But don't you think by inducting leaders from other parties you are damaging Opposition unity?
No. Why should it damage opposition unity? We are only taking in people who have come to us. We are inducting people only for our growth and it is not targeted at others.

What are your prospects in Goa?
We are working very hard in Goa, our workers have spread out everywhere. We are new to the state, so it will be difficult. But we are trying our best. Let's see what happens.

Your CM and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal enjoy a good equation. Don't you think your entry there will hurt the AAP?
The AAP is a separate party, so let them also contest. Also, the relationship between my CM and the Delhi CM will not get affected by our decision to contest elections in Goa. These things happen in politics.

EXPRESS READ

Farm leader shot dead

Sultanpur (UP): A 55-year-old farmer leader was shot dead by an unidentified person here on Saturday at a market in Kadipur area, police said. Ram Ashish Verma, was a member of a farmers' union and engaged in a land dispute.

President Kovind, CJI Ramana and Union minister Rijiju during the meet | PTI

Centre to decriminalise stubble burning: Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID continuing farmer protests, the government has acceded to their demand of decriminalising stubble burning. Union Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** said this on Saturday and urged farmer groups to end agitations, saying that the government has listed the farm repeal law for the first day of winter session of Parliament on November 29.

He said the other demand of farmers was a discussion on the minimum support price (MSP) and crop diversification. This demand will also be fulfilled with the setting up of a panel, as announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 19. On withdrawal of cases against farmers during the agitation, Tomar said this is the domain of state governments.

"Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar will move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation Act) Act, 2020, the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 and to amend the Essential Commodities Act, 1955," stated the Lok Sabha's list of business for November 29.

To repeal a law, a new law has to be enacted and a specific repealing clause has to be added to it. Therefore, the amendment bill for the three farm laws will have to be tabled in Parliament the same way as any other bill. Once both houses pass the bill, it will be ratified by the President and the previous act will be withdrawn.

Farmers believe the three laws passed last September will benefit large corporations and hurt their livelihood.

Observing that there is no point in continuing with protests after the announcement of the repeal of three farm laws, Tomar urged the protestors to end their agitation and return home. "The farmers' demand was to decriminalise stubble burning. The government has agreed to this demand," the minister said.

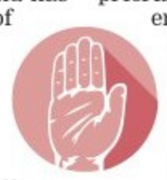
With regard to withdrawal of cases, Tomar said, "Looking at the severity of the cases, the state governments have to take a call and the issue of compensation is also to be decided by them," he said. In addition to this, the states can also consider granting compensation to the families of those who were killed in the protests, said Tomar.

"I appeal to all farmers organisations to end the protest ethically and show their big heart. They should return to their homes," the minister said in his address.

Congress whip for MPs on first day of winter session

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

WITH farm laws listed in the Lok Sabha for repeal on Monday, the Congress has issued whip asking all MPs to be present in the house and has also called a meeting of the Opposition parties to discuss strategy for the winter session of the Parliament.



Congress has issued whip in both the houses of parliament asking all its MPs to be present in the house Monday. BJP has also issued whip for its MPs.

Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge has invited the floor leaders of the Rajya Sabha for a meeting on Monday at 10 am to discuss strategy.

The TMC is expected to skip the meeting over ongoing tussle between the two parties.

During the strategy meeting, the Opposition parties will discuss issues to be taken up on priority basis to corner the government. The Congress, TMC and other parties have jointly said that they will raise issue related to price rise, concerns raised by farmers, Covid deaths, etc.

"Meeting will be chaired by Kharge and Congress has already invited floor leaders of the other opposition parties to discuss strategy. We are hopeful that all parties will turn up as it is important that we take on the government as united Opposition in both the houses," said a senior Congress leader.

Rijiju wants impediments out for law enforcement

PTI @ New Delhi

ONE cannot be in a situation where it becomes difficult to implement laws passed by the legislature and verdicts delivered by the judiciary, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said on Saturday. At times, in a bid to seek their rights, people forget about the rights of others as well as their own duties, he said, addressing the concluding session of the Constitution Day meet organised by the Supreme Court. There is a need to find a balance between fundamental rights and fundamental duties, he added.

Rijiju noted that bills passed by Parliament and state legislatures, and verdicts delivered by the Supreme Court are the laws of the land. "We cannot be in a situation where it becomes difficult to implement laws despite being passed by the Supreme Court, or high courts or Assembly and Parliament," he said.

President Ram Nath Kovind, CJI N V Ramana and judges of the Supreme Court and high courts were present. CJI Ramana said the legislature does not conduct studies or assess the impact of the laws that it passes, which sometimes leads to "big issues" and result in over-burdening of cases on the judiciary.

"We must remember that whatever criticism or obstacle that we may encounter, our mission to render justice cannot stop. Another issue is that the legislature does not conduct studies or assess the impact of the laws that it passes. This sometimes leads to big issues. The introduction of section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act is an example. Now, the already-burdened magistrates are further burdened by thousands of these cases. Similarly, re-branding the existing courts as commercial courts, without creating a special infrastructure, will not have any impact on the pendency," he said.

MP tribal icon's village to be pilgrimage spot

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

PATALPANI, the place of martyrdom of tribal hero of country's freedom movement Tantya Bheel will be developed as a new pilgrimage spot in Indore district of Madhya Pradesh, the state's chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on Saturday.

Addressing a program organised in Barod Ahir (the birthplace of Tantya Bheel) in state's Khandwa district to mark the beginning of Kranti Surya Jannayak Tantya Mama Gaurav Yatra, the MP CM also announced that a giant statue of Jannayak Tantya Bheel will be erected at the site of his sacrifice in Patalpani.

While praising the leadership of Tantya Bheel, the MP CM Chouhan said that Tantya Mama gave a clarion call against exploitation and injustice. "He looted money and food grains from the British and distributed it among the hungry and the needy. We salute the great revolutionary of the state," the CM said.

The Chouhan-led state government is celebrating the day of Kranti Surya Jannayak Tantya Bheel's sacrifice as Gaurav Diwas.

CALAMITY IN THE MAKING

Uttarakhand village slip sliding away

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dehradun

A team of geologists surveying villages in Dharchula of Pithoragarh district said a village might be sliding down the slope as a result of the weakening land surface on which it stands making it unfit for human habitation.

They also added that at least 35 families out of a total of 150 living in the village need to be shifted immediately given the anticipated threat to lives.

Pradeep Kumar, a geologist from the state mining department, who is leading the survey team, said, "We have found out that the sliding is happening due to ongoing work on a road. It all started in 1974 due to landslide as it is located on a landslide zone. It stopped but again emerged in 2013."

"The recent rains in June and October have kind of disturbed the underground structures. This has created motions under along with cracks in the slope. There have been landslides recently without any rains, which is risky."

The geologist said the water percolated underground and is gradually going downwards making the upper layers of the soil more unstable. Around 200 villages of Dharchula and Munsyari sub-divisions might be vulnerable as those are located on accumulated of landslides over centuries.

The gram pradhan of the village, Savita Devi, had written to the administration complaining about the sliding slope of some houses in the village following which a team of geologists was sent by the district administration to the village for a survey. "I wrote to the administration citing the sliding slope of the village. A team has been surveying the village for some time. Life of many hangs in balance here," she said.

Dar village, 132 kilometres from the district headquarters, is in Dharchula tehsil of Pithoragarh district of the hill state. The tehsil shares borders with Nepal.

NAXALS DERAIL TRAIN

Eighteen wagons and three locomotives of a goods train were derailed on the Kirandul-Visakhapatnam railway section in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district after Naxals uprooted railway tracks, a police official said on Saturday

4 DIE AS VEHICLE CATCHES FIRE IN JHARKHAND

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	14	Mumbai	35	24
Bhopal	28	12	Panaji	32	26
Jaipur	27	13	Patna	28	15
Amritsar	25	10	Lucknow	29	15
Chennai	27	24	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	29	18	Imphal	25	08
Srinagar	16	-02	Chandigarh	28	09

Modi to visit poll-bound Uttarakhand again

PM's third visit in two months likely to be in Dec first week; senior BJP leaders make a beeline for the hill state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dehradun

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit poll-bound Uttarakhand in the first week of December, said state leaders of the Bhartiya Janta Party. The date and venue of the prime minister's public meeting is yet to be finalised.

Madan Kaushik, state BJP president said, "Honourable prime minister is scheduled to visit Dehradun in the first week of December for addressing a public rally. Preparations for the rally are on full swing. We along with the people of Uttarakhand are ready to welcome him."

This will be the third visit of PM Modi to the Himalayan state in two months. Earlier, he visited the All India Institute of Medical Sciences-Rishikesh to inaugurate oxygen plants on October 4, and Kedarnath on November 5.

The BJP has lined up visits of high-profile central leaders in the election-bound state. In the last one and half months, top leaders like Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh have visited the state either for public meetings or launching projects.

The party, in an attempt to win the support of minorities in the upcoming Assembly polls, has already started a campaign titled 'One Booth 100 Votes' to bag at least 100 minority votes in each polling booth.

The campaign is being carried out in minority-dominated booths across the hill state. Notably, the state has around 10-15 per cent Muslim voters.

The functionaries said the party will soon form a committee to finalise ticket distribution. Chances are that the party will field at least two dozen new faces this time.

Sukhbir Singh Badal (second right) on way to protest outside Punjab CM's residence in Chandigarh on Saturday | PTI

Badal and team court arrest protesting against 'false' case

Chandigarh: Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal along with top leaders of the party courted arrest on Saturday while protesting against the alleged "conspiracy" by the ruling Congress to "implicate" senior leader Bikram Singh Majithia in a drug case. Despite heavy security, senior leaders of the party crossed the barricades to march to the CM's residence and courted arrest. Badal alleged that state Congress president Navjot Sidhu was resorting to extra-constitutional measures by directing the state government to register a false case against Bikram Majithia.

Channi calls for wiping out AAP, Akalis in polls

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

GIVING a clarion call to wipe out Aam Aadmi Party and Shiromani Akali Dal in the Punjab polls, Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Saturday said it is now "crystal clear" that PM Modi, Capt Amarinder Singh and Badals are "hand in glove to barter away the interests of Punjab".

Chiding Arvind Kejriwal for promising to provide ₹1,000 per month to every woman in the state, Channi dared Kejriwal to come out with facts as to how many women he has extended this relief in Delhi.

Training guns at SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal, Channi said the party was instrumental in getting the farm laws enacted in Parliament.

Hitting hard at Amarinder Singh for thanking PM Modi over repealing of the farm laws, Channi said he failed to comprehend how a "true" Punjabi could "rejoice" over this decision as nearly 700 farmers lost their lives during the protests.

MOUNTING COUNT

CRPF seeks faster transfer of J&K land to set up camps

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

IN a move that could invite resistance from the locals, the Central Reserve Police Force has written to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) seeking to expedite the transfer of a recently allotted 65.5 acres of prime real estate to it in Jammu and Kashmir. Top officials told this newspaper that the force has also requested for more land.

The CRPF wrote the letter around two weeks ago requesting the MHA to grant funds, which it could then pay to the J&K administration to take over the land and start construction of designated accommodation for paramilitary personnel, a senior home ministry official said.

Plots in 8 villages

On October 28, the J&K administration gave nod for transferring 65.5 acres to the CRPF for establishing camping sites at eight villages in Anantnag, Shopian and Pulwama districts

The official said the MHA is looking into CRPF's request for more land in J&K. "The request for more land from CRPF has been received and it is being looked into," the official said.

A senior CRPF official said the paramilitary force has sought more land considering the huge deployment of CRPF in J&K due to the security situation there. "Many personnel are currently residing in government buildings but all these are temporary accommodations. Proper and safer accommodation for the personnel can be only built on designated land," a senior CRPF official said.

The residents have expressed opposition after at least two major community halls were occupied by the CRPF in the past few days. They demanded an alternative accommodation for the security personnel.

The issue of land transfer to the armed forces has always been a contentious issue in the Valley with locals opposing such moves. In 2019 the army had to approach the J&K High Court after a local body — Sonmarg Development Authority — had objected to the army's proposal of constructing a transit camp in the scenic Sonmarg. The political leaders in the Valley have repeatedly questioned the presence of security forces and the Centre's moves to transfer more land to the forces.

On November 14, former CM Mehbooba Mufti put out a tweet questioning the government's decision. "By pushing security forces into civilian areas, GoI isn't only choking public spaces but also getting security personnel into direct confrontation with people. This can lead to disastrous consequences."

UP wants only *baba*, not *bua-babua*: Rajnath

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

BRINGING the *Bua-Babua* jibe back into the poll narrative in Uttar Pradesh, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday claimed the people of UP did not want either *bua* or *babua*, apparently referring to BSP supremo Mayawati and Samajwadi Pary chief Akhilesh Yadav respectively.

"Instead they will prefer *Baba* only," said Rajnath in an apparent reference to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

The defence minister was addressing 29,500 booth presidents of the BJP from across 16 districts in Jaunpur.

All praise for the Yogi government, Rajnath claimed that law of the land was restored during the last four and a half years of his tenure during which not only development took place but employment was also generated, social harmony was attained and a crime-free environment was created.

"Due to improvement in the law and order scenario, investment is pouring in UP. Investments worth ₹5 lakh crore have already come into the state during the last 4.5 years," said Rajnath. Talking about the significance of absolute majority in democracy, the defence minister said due to absolute majority in Parliament, the government could scrap Art 370.

"Today a grand temple of Lord Ram is taking shape in Ayodhya. Those who believed that the dream of Ram temple would never come true, they can see it becoming a reality today," said the defence minister.

Taking on the SP, Rajnath said that the party has taken out the "Jinnah genie" from the closed bottle yet again. "Jinnah can never be equalised with the father of nation. The SP leaders are praising him. I want to ask them what is the use of bringing Jinnah into discourse as he was responsible for country's division."

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NURSING GRUDGE

Nurses of West Bengal's government-run hospitals shout slogans during their protest over alleged discrimination in pay scale in Kolkata on Saturday | PTI

SC IMPACT

Tripura CM orders review of UAPA cases

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

MAKING a U-turn, Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has directed state police chief V S Yadav to review the cases filed against 102 persons, including journalists and lawyers, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

On November 6, the police had booked the accused, including 68 Twitter users, for sharing "objectionable news items/statements" on the alleged anti-Muslim violence in the state. The police had also written to various social networking sites seeking to block these users.

It is learnt that Yadav asked an additional director-general of police to review the cases. Observers who follow Tripura politics closely said the CM was trying to save his face. "The Supreme Court had directed the state government to not take any coercive action against three people, a journalist and two lawyers, who had filed a joint petition. So, what can the government do? It was a loss of face for the CM so he is taking a U-turn," an observer told this newspaper.

He said if the government had been honest about the matter, it would not have delayed in going for a review. The Opposition CPI-M echoed him.

After the SC's directions the government's move died down. What the CM says now has no value. He is only trying to save face

Jitendra Chowdhury, CPM leader

"After the Supreme Court's directions the government's move died down. The police action was not only unusual but also illegal," said CPM leader Jitendra Chowdhury.

However, the CM's directive for a review does not mean the cases are closed. "We have not arrested anyone, not to talk of persons who went to court. So, there is no question of coercive action against anyone. We will go by the evidence," a senior police official said.

Delhi-based advocates Mukesh Gaur and Ansarul Haq Ansari and Tripura journalist Shyam Meera Singh had moved the Supreme Court.

Raj govt in a fix over advisors to Gehlot

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE Ashok Gehlot government in Rajasthan is now backtracking on the appointment of six MLAs as advisors to the chief minister.

The appointments were made last week and the government had even moved the file for giving them the status and perks of a minister of state. However, after Governor Kalraj Mishra sought an explanation, a huge question mark has been raised over the intentions of the government. It is now seeking legal opinion on the issue. Even the plan to appoint 10-15 other MLAs as parliamentary secretaries seems to be in serious doubt.

Opposition BJP had alleged that these are offices of profit hence the appointments are unconstitutional.

Three of these MLAs were Independents who had played an important role in saving Gehlot when the Sachin Pilot camp had revolted last year. The Opposition sent an objection letter to the Raj Bhavan following which the governor sought an explanation.

Sources said the plan was to appoint 15 MLAs as parliamentary secretaries as per the formula decided between the high command and the state unit to adjust the MLAs who were left out.

CPM fields 'crisis-tested' Red Volunteers in Kolkata civic poll

The volunteers provided round-the-clock service during the Covid pandemic | TWITTER

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE CPI(M) has fielded 40 young members of the Red Volunteer (RV), an organisation which was on the streets to help the people in distress during the Covid-19 pandemic, in the upcoming Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) election.

The decision to engage the RV members in the poll fray is said to be tactical as the organisation has earned the trust of common people by providing round-the-clock service, right from arranging oxygen cylinders and medicines to hospitalising Covid patients and sanitising houses. The party has decided to ride on the "goodwill" of its young brigade in the upcoming election to 144 wards of the civic body. Even though the CPI(M) has left 17 seats vacant for Congress, the national party is not happy with it and is likely to field candidates in more wards.

"Giving RV members tickets in the KMC polls is in recognition of their services. We find the faces of RV volunteers will be the perfect selection as they have been in touch with people in distress at grassroots level," said a CPI(M) leader.

In the recent Assembly elections, the CPI(M) had proposed to field RV volunteers. "However, the party's internal equations did not allow them to contest. Had the RV volunteers been allowed to contest, our performance would have been better," said the leader.

Sources in the CPI(M) said the RV volunteers built strong public relations. "Performance of these young faces in the civic poll will definitely be better than our other workers. They served people irrespective of political colour. It sent a positive message among the common people," said another CPI(M) leader.

Tata Steel bags 'Gold' in Workplace Equality Index

Tata Steel has been recognised as a Gold Employer at IWEI's (India Workplace Equality Index) Top Employers 2021 for leading the way in LGBT inclusion. The gold standard signifies that employers have successfully embedded LGBT inclusion in their policies, hiring practices, external communication and demonstrating a long-term and in-depth commitment towards LGBT inclusion. IWEI is India's first comprehensive benchmarking tool for employers to measure their progress on LGBT+ inclusion in the workplace. The index measures nine areas: policies and benefits, employee lifecycle, employee network group, allies and role models, senior leadership, monitoring, procurement, community engagement, and additional work.

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RANCHI DIARY

Jharkhand best performing state in urban cleanliness

In the recently-concluded Swachh Survekshan-2021, Jharkhand has been awarded as the best-performing state among states with less than 100 urban local bodies. President Ram Nath Kovind felicitated the state during an event organised by the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing Department. State Urban Development and Housing Department Secretary Vinay Choubey received this award during the event organised at New Delhi. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in collaboration with the Quality Council of India, under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, every year confers awards in different categories to the cities (urban bodies) across India. During the award ceremony, two urban bodies – Jamshedpur and Jugsalai were also felicitated in different categories.

State 1st in east to introduce lung billboard displays

Jharkhand will be the first state in the eastern region to introduce lung billboard displays in creating awareness about air pollution and its effect on health. Top three cities Ranchi, Dhanbad, and Jamshedpur will have such billboards installed by the Centre for Environment and Energy Development in association with respective civic bodies through State Urban Development Authority and Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board. "The installation changes colour with each day showcasing how air pollution levels impact on the lungs. It would also have an air quality index (AQI) monitor giving real-time AQI on the pollution level.

Gang supplying arms to Maoists busted

Jharkhand Anti-Terrorist Squad has busted a gang supplying arms to Maoists and criminals across the country. A total of nine people have arrested so far in the campaign conducted by Jharkhand ATS, which also includes a serving constable of CRPF and a retired jawan of BSF. The raids were conducted at different locations in Bihar, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan and MP. According to Jharkhand Police, this is one of the biggest achievements so far against the arms suppliers in the state. More than 9,000 rounds of cartridges, 14 sophisticated pistols, 11 magazines and various other articles.

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The original allotment letter dated 04-12-1975 bearing Document number B8/SRKI/17/75-76 issued by Bangalore Development Authority for the site No 17 measuring 45x60 allotted to T.V. Satyappa is misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on 11-10-2021 online vide report no. 0067834/2021.

Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 07 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel immovable property bearing House site no.17, PID No 57-28-17, situated at J.P.Nagar 1st Phase, 25th Main, Now comes under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Bangalore measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 45 feet in all measuring 1450 Square feet and bounded on the East by: Site no.10 West by: Road ; North by: Site No 18 and South by: Site No 16.

Ashwath Bennur, Advocate
#31, 5th cross, 23rd Main Road,
J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase,
Bangalore -560078
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- I - BENGALURU
NO.4, SECOND FLOOR,
L.I.C JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING,
RESIDENCY ROAD BENGALURU,
KARNATAKA - 560 025
DRC NO: 335/2019

Corporation Bank, Attibele Branch, Vishnu Complex, Sarjapur Road, Attibele - 562107.
Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri. Srinivas Bandi & Others **Certificate Debtor(s)**

DEMAND NOTICE

To, 1. Sri. Srinivas Bandi S/o. Rajamouli Bhandi, Rep by his GPA Holder And brother, Sri. Suresh Bhandi S/o. Rajamouli Bhandi, No.471, Sadanand Colony, Hasan Party Mandal, Bhimaram, Warangal - 506 015, Andhra Pradesh.
2. Sri Suresh Bhandi S/o. Rajamouli Bhandi No.471, Sadanand Colony, Hasan Party Mandal, Bhimaram, Warangal-506 015, Andhra Pradesh
3. Prabhavathi Builders Rep by its Managing Partner: B E Praveen Kumar, No.105, 9th Main, S R Naidu Layout, Opp. to Golden Park Apartment, Hongasandra, Bengaluru - 560 068.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in OA No. 961/2018 passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on 29/05/2019 an amount of Rs. 1,10,05,871/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakhs Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy One Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules. In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay: a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 4th day of June 2019.

(RAJASEKHARAN.R) RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DRT - 1, BENGALURU
Email : rajasekharan.r@nic.in

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage. charge lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment

Government of Karnataka
(Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division Shivamogga

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/JE/JJM/E-Proc/2021-22/1918 **Date : 26.11.2021**

Tender Notification (through e-procurement)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, tenders are invited for undertaking the following works under JalJeevan Mission Project in the limits of Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

Indent Nos: **1) 36234, 2) 36080, 3) 36081, 4) 36232, 5) 36082, 6) 36085, 7) 36083, 8) 36215, 9) 36226, 10) 36230, 11) 36210, 12) 36211, 13) 36212, 14) 36213, 15) 36214, 16) 36084, 17) 35788, 18) 35277, 19) 27155/Call 4, 20) 28093/Call 5.**

Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes are available in website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. The contractors/ bidders shall submit their documents and bid through above website only.

Few conditions of the tender:

1) The last date for receipt of tender from bidders : **10.12.2021 up to 5.30 PM.** 2) Date of opening of single cover Financial Bid : **12.12.2021 at 11.30 AM.** 3) Date of opening of double cover Technical Bid : **12.12.2021 at 11.30 AM.** 4) Date of opening of double cover Financial Bid: **14.12.2021 at 11.30 AM.** 5) Period for completion of works : **Single cover : 3 months (90 days) : Double cover : 3 months (90 days)**

DIPR/SMG/No.75 -11 zenkar/2021-22

sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division Shivamogga

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

e-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES No-E-37/2021.

Firms are requested to Login to http://www.ireps.gov.in-ogin>E.Tendergoods & services (new) and quote against these tenders. Manual quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for all tender 14:30 hours.

Sl. No.	Tender	Description	Due Date
1.	06205001D	ICU BED	03-DEC-2021
2.	15210189	PURE IRON FLATS 44.85MM/4.45MMM	06-DEC-2021
3.	11210081	TENSIONING DEVICE ASSEMBLY FOR 4.5 KW	07-DEC-2021
4.	11210637A	12V, 70AH VRLA LEAD ACID MAINTENANCE	09-DEC-2021
5.	01210015B	PAINT ENAMEL, SYNT, EXTER, FINISHING GOLDEN YELLOW	10-DEC-2021
6.	04210986	FRP WINDOW ASSEMBLY 2 0"	10-DEC-2021
7.	11210637	12V, 70AH VRLA LEAD ACID MAINTENANCE	10-DEC-2021
8.	44210237B	KNUCKLE PIVOT PIN WITH WASHER	10-DEC-2021
9.	04210957A	BALL JOINT ROLL LINK	13-DEC-2021
10.	11210412	ELECTRONIC RECTIFIER-CUM REGULATOR	13-DEC-2021
11.	15211005	AC SHUNT, ROUTE LED, CALLING ON LED	13-DEC-2021
12.	04210186	HEX HEAD BOLT M24 X 90 - 10.9	14-DEC-2021
13.	04211155	HEX HEAD SCREW, NUT AND BOLT	14-DEC-2021
14.	11210580	ROOF MOUNTED AC PACKAGE UNIT	15-DEC-2021
15.	15215003	24 PORT SWITCH CISCO	15-DEC-2021
16.	06215047A	BIO DIESEL B100	16-DEC-2021
17.	15211044	DETECTOR ROD LH & RH FOR 220MM	16-DEC-2021
18.	26211068	SET OF CYLINDRICAL ROLLER BEARING	16-DEC-2021
19.	04210331	DISTRIBUTOR VALVE WITH RELAY	17-DEC-2021
20.	04210905B	SOLE BAR (BG) 2400 MM LENGTH	17-DEC-2021
21.	11210384	V-GROOVE AXLE PULLEY	17-DEC-2021
22.	04210963A	PRIMARY VERTICAL DAMPER	21-DEC-2021
23.	04211067A	END WALL DOOR COMPLETE	21-DEC-2021
24.	04211117	PROCUREMENT OF PAC ITEMS	21-DEC-2021
25.	04211133	MANUAL UN COUPLING DEVICE	22-DEC-2021
26.	52216138	FRAME STRUCTURE ASSEMBLY	17-DEC-2021
27.	67215362	HIGH CAPACITY DRAFT GEAR ARRANGEMENT	07-DEC-2021
28.	67215371	SIDE STANCHION FOR BRN 22.9 WAGON	17-DEC-2021
29.	82215541	INTEGRATED MULTIPLEXER	01-DEC-2021
The following e-bid has been published in GeM website, Firms are requested to login to www.gem.gov.in and quoted against the following e-bid, Manual quotations will not be entertained.			
30.	GEM/2021/B/1651721	POWER CABLE FOR DIRECT BURIAL XLPE UGAC CABLE	03-DEC-2021

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KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED

Registered Office: 27BKC, C 27, G Block, BandraKurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051.
Branch Office: No. 22, Kotak House, M G Road, Bangalore-560001.

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable property)
(As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED,** a banking company within the meaning of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having it's Registered Office at 27BKC, C 27, G Block, BandraKurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 and branch office at **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.,** No.22, Kotak House, M G Road, Bangalore-560001, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Details of the Parties along with Mortgaged Property Possession taken by the Bank, is given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Customer (Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)) along Loan Account Nos	Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) read with rule 9 of SARFAESI Act. Along with Amount in Rs.	Description of Immovable Property taken in to Possession (As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)	Date of Possession
1	**Loan Account No. ILAP44519(CRN37379318)** **1) Mr. Attar Syed Mujtaba Hussain (Borrower), 2) Mr. Attar Syed Muntaha Hussain (Co-Borrower), 3) Mr. Attar Syed Murtza Hussain (Co-Borrower), 4) Mr. Attar Syed Mustafa Hussain (Co-Borrower) All resident of** No.12, Hussain Manzil, Church Road, Basavangudi, Near East West School, Bangalore-560004. **Also at:** No.99/C, 3rd 'A' Main Road, Banashankari III Stage, Bangalore-560085.	**Demand Notice Date: 17-09-2021 Rs.1,16,98,455.73 Ps** (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five and Paisa Seventy Three Only)	**Mortgage over following properties:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.99/C, formed in Sy No's.95, 96, 121 & 122 Situated at 3rd A Main Road, Banashankari III Stage, Corporation Ward No.55 Bangalore and **bounded on: East by:** Site bearing No.1231/L, **West by:** 3rd Main Road, **North by:** 100 feet Road, **South by:** Site bearing No.990/B. Measuring East to West 19.20 Mtrs., and North to South (18.89 + 14.02)/2 Mtrs., totally measuring 315.93 Mtrs (3399 Sq Feet).	26-11-2021
2	**Loan Account No. BBA_WC 04312190000081, BBA_WC 0422DL0100002574 & BBA_WC 0422CL0100000007 (CRN 32101023). 1) M/s. Innovent Engineering Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,** Represented by its Director **Mr. B. Siva Subramanian,** No.5, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 10th Main, Indira Nagar, Bangalore-560038 **(Borrower). 2) Mr. B. Siva Subramanian, M/s. Innovent Engineering Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,** No.5, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 10th Main, Indira Nagar, Bangalore-560038. **Also at:** Flat No.003 & 004, Ground Floor, "PARAMOUNT REGENCY", Property No.5, Kacharakanahalli Village, Heenur Main Road, Bangalore-560084 **(Co-Borrower/ Guarantor). 3) Mr. Avinash S, M/s. Innovent Engineering Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,** No.5, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 10th Main, Indira Nagar, Bangalore-560038 **(Co-Borrower/ Guarantor).**	**Demand Notice Date: 17-09-2021 Rs.60,58,678.29 Ps** (Rupees : Sixty Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight and Paisa Twenty Nine Only)	**Mortgage over following properties:** All that piece and parcel of the property being Flat No.003 & 004, Ground Floor, **"PARAMOUNT REGENCY",** Property No.5, Kacharakanahalli Village, Heenur Main Road, Bangalore-560084 standing in the name of **Mr. B Siva Subramanian,** together with all existing buildings and structures thereon and building and Structures as may be erected/ Constructed there upon any time from/ after the date of respective mortgages and all addition thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future **bounded on: East:** Private Property, **West:** Road & Private Property, **North:** Private Property and **South:** Private Property.	26-11-2021
3	**Loan Account No. BBA_WC 2214128532 & BBA_WC 8074CL0100000005 (CRN 322953604). 1) M/s. City Steels,** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Nazeem Ghouse,** No.83/7, Osman Khan Road Cross, New Bamboo Bazar, Bangalore-560002 **(Borrower). 2) Mr. Nazeem Ghouse, 3) Mrs. Yasmeen Taj, All resident of M/s. City Steels,** No.83/7, Osman Khan Road Cross, New Bamboo Bazar, Bangalore-560002. **Also at:** No.74/2, Near Indian School, Kanaka Nagar, Yelachenahalli, Bangalore-560078 **(Co-Borrower/ Guarantor).**	**Demand Notice Date: 17-09-2021 Rs.80,22,435.67 Ps** (Rupees : Eighty Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five and Paisa Sixty Seven Only)	**Mortgage over following properties:** All that piece and parcel of the property Municipal Old No.5/20, then 25, Subsequently 5/83, present property bearing No.83/8, 83/7 and 83, situated at New Bamboo Bazar, B. Osman Khan Road, Cross, Bangalore (Described in property bearing No.83/8 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 1 feet and property bearing No 83/7 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 5 feet and Property bearing No.83 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 6 feet) in all measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 12 Feet, total area of 360 Sq Feet, together with all existing buildings and structures thereon and building and Structures as may be erected / Constructed there upon any time from / after the date of respective mortgages and all addition thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future **bounded on: East:** B Osman Khan Cross Road, **West:** Private Property, **North:** Remaining portion of property bearing No.83/8, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 5 feet retained by the Vendor No.1 Mohammed Altaf Pasha and **South:** Private Property.	26-11-2021

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the date as mentioned above in **"Date of Possession"** Column. The Borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED,** for an amount as mention in this notice, along with future interest at contractual rate and substitute interest, incidental expenses, costs and charges etc. due w.e.f. the very next date of the status of outstanding amount date showing in the above mention details, till the date of full repayment and/ or realization. Further the borrower's attention invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.
Please note description of properties is as mentioned above.

Date: 28.11.2021, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited**

GOVERNMENT OF OOISHA,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR
Tel-0663 - 2548268, E-mail id-serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com

e-Procurement No. 3129 / Dated: 20.11.2021

O-992: Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf **Odisha State Rural Roads Agency** invites **Percentage (%)** bids through e_Procurement from eligible class of experienced bidders for construction of roads and CD works including maintenance for 5 years of rural roads under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana PMGSY-III, Batch-I .**

1	Name of work.	:	Construction of road and CD works including five year maintenance under PMGSY-III Batch-I Package no. OR-03-245
2	Class of Con tractor.	:	"A" and "B" Class
3	No of packages.	:	1 No of Package
4	Estimated cost	:	**Approx. 206.24 Lakh** (Information in DTCN will be Final)
5	Bid submission fee.	:	Rs.10,000/-(Non-Refundable) per set of package
6	Mode of submission of tender.	:	Only through online in website. **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in.**
7	Summary of key dates are provided below:		

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last date & time for seeking clarification	Last Date and time of submission of Original documents	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur	PMGSY-Online-RWCSBP-27/2021-22	29/11/2021 From 11.00 A.M.	14/12/2021 Up to 05.00 P.M.	08/12/2021 Up to 5.00 P.M.	17/12/2021 By 5.00 PM	15.12.2021 At 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

*** Special conditions** 1- EPF registration is mandatory before drawl of agreement. 2- Rate quoted by the contractor shall be excluding GST. 3. Original Bid Security declaration form, Bid submission fee and original affidavits should be submitted at the O/o Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur **Or** O/o Executive Engineer/Superintending Engineer of Concern Rural Works Division.
* Details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**
* Subsequent modification/corrigendum/ Addendum if required shall be appeared in the website only.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur **OIPR- 25091/11/0032/2122**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that the Schedule Property bearing Muncipal No.169, Bearing PID No.36-117-169, Situated at present 1st Main Road, Pete channappa Industrial Area, Magadi Road, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore, Earlier Western portion of the property bearing site No.7, Assessment No.7, Katha No.418, situated at Sajjepalya Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 28-Feet and North to South 48-feet, presently belongs to Sri.Chandan. B.N who has acquired the same under a Registered sale deed dated:10/01/2018 Registered as document No. 06879 of the Year 2017-18 in Book-I, Stored in CD.No.YPRD-189 at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore. From its previous owner Sri. M.J. Srirama. That my client intends to purchase the same from the Present Owner the above referred Sri. Chandan. B.N., which is more fully described in the Schedule written hereunder. If any person/s has/have any right or claim over the Schedule Property in whatsoever manner they shall lodge their claim/objection etc., with relevant documents to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this Notice or otherwise my Client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims and that claims if any shall stand waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property situated at present BBMP Ward No. 36, New Ward No.103, bearing present Municipal No.169, bearing PID No. 36-117-169 situated at present 1st Main Road, Pete Channappa Industrial Area, Magadi Road, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore (earlier Western portion of the property bearing Site No 7, Assessment No. 7, Khatha No. 418, situated at Sajje Palya Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) measuring East to West: 28' ft. and North to South: 48' ft. in all measuring 1344 Sq.ft. and the same is bounded on:-

East by : Remaining portion of the prop. bearing Old No.7, **West by :** Property belonging to Sri. Chowdappa, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property belonging to Sri. Mahesh.

The same consists of 10 Squares of A.C.Sheet Roofed Factory Shed.

E. Gopal Krishna, Advocate
No. 122, Mahesh Market, Balepet,
BANGALORE - 53. Mob. No. 9448950350
Date: 26/11/2021

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Possession Notice

"Without prejudice to our Earlier Possession Notice dated 05.08.2021."

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with ***Rule 3*** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **04.05.2021**calling upon the Borrower **Mrs.Bhagyalakshmi Venkatesh Reddy W/o H Venkatesh Reddy**and Guarantors **Mr. H Venkatesh Reddy S/o Late. H M Hanuma Reddy, Mrs.Kavitha V Reddy D/o H Venkatesh Reddy and Mr.Arvind V S/o H Venkatesh Reddy** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 22,13,36,978.74** (Rupees Twenty Two Crores Thirteen Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Eight and Paisa Seventy Four only) plus applicable interest and other chargeswithin 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under ***sub section (4) of Section 13*** of the said Act read with Rule ***8*** of the ***Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002*** on this **24th** day of **NOVEMBER** of the year**2021.**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagorsin particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to dealwith the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge ofBank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.20,70,40,526.17** (Rupees Twenty Crore Seventy Lakhs Forty Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Six and Seventeen paise only) and interest thereon at the contractual rate plus cost, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Equitable Mortgage created on 29th December 2017, bearing document No 8418/2017-18 in favour of Bank of Commercial Property bearing present BBMP Khata No 374/2352, Mahadevapura CMC Old khata No 993/753, Portion of Sy No 39/1, Situated at Munnekolalu Village, VarthurHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and very much known as # No.2, Arvind Avenue, Kundanahalli Gate, Marathahalli, Bangalore – 560037 Now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike, Ward No 85, Hoodi Sub-Range, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 106 feet and North to south (91+88)/2 Feet, out entire property measuring 25 Guntas and the entire 25 guntas is belonging to Mrs.Bhagyalakshmi as per original sale deed document No 8360/2004-05 dated 30.06.2004 Registered at the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as:- **BOUNDARIES** :**East** – By Road, **West** – By property belonging to Sri. Narayana Reddy, **North** – By Private Property, **South** – By Property belonging to Sri. Boomi Reddy

Equitable Mortgage dated 12th March 2019, bearing document No 12873/2018-19 in favour of Bank of Mortgage of 13 villas of the Row Houses bearing Nos.1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 27D, 28D, 30D, 37E, 43F, 44F, 45F, 9B & 29D, constructed in the converted lands in Sy.Nos.13/1, 13/2, 13/3, 14/3 & 14/4 all of Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.Puram, within the limits of B.B.M.P., Bangalore, belonging to Smt. Bhagyalakshmi Venkatesh Reddy, W/o Sri. Venkatesh Reddy morefully described hereunder:

Item No.1 : All that Piece and Parcel of Villa bearing No.**1A**, having Super Built up Area of 3670 Sq.ft. (including garden area, car parking and Terrace), in the multi-storied building complex known as **"NAKSHATRA"** along with **2562.Sq.ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest, constructed over of the composite property bearing converted lands in Survey No.14/3, measuring 34 ½ Guntas, Survey Number 14/4, measuring 10 ½ Guntas and Survey No.13/1, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose), Situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Honne Wood, Doors and Windows, along with right over all the amenities provided in the said building Complex, within the limits of B.B.M.P, as per Gift Deed Document No BKI-5031/2018-19 dated 17.12.2018 created at The Sub-Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore and bounded as:- **BOUNDARIES** :**East** : By Open Space ;**West**: By Villa No.2A;**North**: By Lobby; **South**: By Open Space.

Item No.2 : All that Villa bearing No.**2A,** having Super Built up Area of **3590 Sq.ft.** (including garden area, car parking and Terrace), in the multi-storied building complex known as **"NAKSHATRA"** along with **2538 Sq.ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and constructed over of the composite property bearing converted lands in Survey No.14/3, measuring 34 ½ Guntas, Survey Number 14/4, measuring 10 ½ Guntas and Survey No.13/1, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose), Situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Honne Wood, Doors and Windows, along with right over all the amenities provided in the said building Complex within the limits of B.B.M.P, as per Gift Deed Document No BKI-5031/2018-19 dated 17.12.2018 created at The Sub-Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore and bounded as:- **BOUNDARIES** :**East** : By Villa No.1A;**West** : By Villa No.3A;**North**: By Lobby; and **South**: By Open Space.

Item No.3 : All that Villa bearing No.**3A,** having Super Built up Area of **3590 Sq.ft.** (including garden area, car parking and Terrace), in the multi-storied building complex known as **"NAKSHATRA"** along with **2558 Sq.ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and constructed over of the composite property bearing converted lands in Survey No.14/3, measuring 34 ½ Guntas, Survey Number 14/4, measuring 10 ½ Guntas and Survey No.13/1, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose), Situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Honne Wood, Doors and Windows, along with right over all the amenities provided in the said building Complex within the limits of B.B.M.P, as per Gift Deed Document No BKI-5031/2018-19 dated 17.12.2018 created at The Sub-Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore and bounded as :-**BOUNDARIES** :**East** : By Villa No.2A;**West** : By Villa No.4A;**North**: By Lobby; and **South**: By Open Space.

Item No.4 : All that Villa bearing No.**4A,** having Super Built up Area of **3590 Sq.ft.** (including garden area, car parking and terrace), in the multi-storied building complex known as **"NAKSHATRA"** along with **2577 Sq.ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and constructed over of the composite property bearing converted lands in Survey No.14/3, measuring 34 ½ Guntas, Survey Number 14/4, measuring 10 ½ Guntas and Survey No.13/1, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose), Situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Honne Wood, Doors and Windows, along with right over all the amenities provided in the said building Complex within the limits of B.B.M.P, as per Gift Deed Document No BKI-5031/2018-19 dated 17.12.2018 created at The Sub-Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore and bounded as:-**BOUNDARIES** :**East** : By Villa No.3A;**West** : By Villa No.5A;**North**: By Lobby; and **South**: By Open Space.

Item No.5 : All that Villa bearing No.**27D,** having Super Built up Area of **3545 Sq.ft.** (including garden area, car parking and terrace), in the multi-storied building complex known as **"NAKSHATRA"** along with **2482 Sq.ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and constructed over of the composite property bearing converted lands in SurveyNo.14/3, measuring 34 ½ Guntas, Survey Number 14/4, measuring 10 ½ Guntasand Survey No.13/1, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose), Situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Honne Wood, Doors and Windows, along with right over all the amenities provided in the said building Complex within the limits of B.B.M.P, as per Gift Deed Document No BKI-5031/2018-19 dated 17.12.2018 created at The Sub-Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore and bounded as:- **BOUNDARIES** :**East** : By Villa No.27D; **West** : By Villa No.29D;**North**: By Lobby; and **South**: By Open Space.

Item No.7 : All that Villa bearing No.**29D,** having Super Built up Area of **3545 Sq.ft.** (including garden area, car parking and terrace), in the multi-storied building complex known as **"NAKSHATRA"** along with **2842 Sq.ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and constructed over of the composite property bearing converted lands in Survey No.14/3, measuring 34 ½ Guntas, Survey Number 14/4, measuring 10 ½ Guntas and Survey No.13/1, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose), Situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Honne Wood, Doors and Windows, along with right over all the amenities provided in the said building Complex within the limits of B.B.M.P, as per Gift Deed Document No BKI-5031/2018-19 dated 17.12.2018 created at The Sub-Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore and bounded as:- **BOUNDARIES** :**East** : By Villa No.28D;**West** : By Villa No.30D; **North**: By Lobby; and **South**: By Open Space.

Item No.8 : All that Villa bearing No.**30D**, having Super Built up Area of **3545 Sq.ft.** (including garden area, car parking and terrace), in the multi-storied building complex known as **"NAKSHATRA"** along with **2505 Sq.ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and constructed over of the composite property bearing converted lands in Survey No.14/3, measuring 34 ½ Guntas, Survey Number 14/4, measuring 10 ½ Guntas and Survey No.13/1, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose), Situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Honne Wood, Doors and Windows, along with right over all the amenities provided in the said building Complex within the limits of B.B.M.P, as per Gift Deed Document No BKI-5031/2018-19 dated 17.12.2018 created at The Sub-Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore and bounded as :-**BOUNDARIES** :**East** : By Villa No.29D; **West** : By Open Space & Villa No.32D, **North**: By Lobby; and **South**: By Open Space.

Item No.9 : All that Villa bearing No.**37E**, having Super Built up Area of **3590 Sq.ft.** (including garden area, car parking and terrace), in the multi-storied building complex known as **"NAKSHATRA"** along with **2515 Sq.ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and constructed over of the composite property bearing converted lands in Survey No.14/3, measuring 34 ½ Guntas, Survey Number 14/4, measuring 10 ½ Guntas and Survey No.13/1, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose), Situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Honne Wood, Doors and Windows, along with right over all the amenities provided in the said building Complex within the limits of B.B.M.P, as per Gift Deed Document No BKI-5031/2018-19 dated 17.12.2018 created at The Sub-Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore and bounded as:-:-**BOUNDARIES** :**East** : By Lobby & Villa No.38E; **West** :By Open Space; **North**: By Open Space; and **South**: By Villa No.36E.

Item No.10 : All that Villa bearing No.**43F**, having Super Built up Area of **3530 Sq.ft.** (including garden area, car parking and terrace), in the multi-storied building complex known as **"NAKSHATRA"** along with **2940 Sq.ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and constructed over of the composite property bearing converted lands in Survey No.14/3, measuring 34 ½ Guntas, Survey Number 14/4, measuring 10 ½ Guntas and Survey No.13/1, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose), Situated at ChinnappanahalliVillage, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Honne Wood, Doors and Windows, along with right over all the amenities provided in the said building Complex within the limits of B.B.M.P, as per Gift Deed Document No BKI-5031/2018-19 dated 17.12.2018 created at The Sub-Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore and bounded as:-**BOUNDARIES** :**East** : By Villa No.44F; **West** : By Villa No.42F; **North**: By Open Space; and **South**: By Lobby.

Item No.11 : All that Villa bearing No.**44F**, having Super Built up Area of **3530 Sq.ft.** (including garden area, car parking and terrace), in

3 bodies found by police in riot-hit Solomon Islands on Saturday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	12	-1	HR	Los Angeles	31	13	SNY
Colombo	28	26	TDS	Melbourne	13	7	LR
Dhaka	28	23	TDS	Moscow	2	-2	LR
Dubai	31	21	SNY	New York	11	6	SNY
Houston	25	15	SNY	Singapore	31	26	LC
Istanbul	17	9	SNY	Toronto	6	3	LC
London	13	8	LC	Washington	11	3	LC

Countries punishing us for finding new strain: S Africa

Says global rush to impose travel bans is draconian and contrary to WHO's advice

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa, whose citizens have suddenly become persona-non-grata around the world after the discovery of a new variant of coronavirus in the country, says it is being "punished" and unfairly treated for sounding the alarm.

The government in the country worst-hit by the pandemic on the continent, is seething over the stigma it has suffered in the past 48 hours for being the bearer of bad news.

The decision by many countries around the world to ban flights from southern Africa following the discovery of the variant, named Omicron, "is akin to punishing South Africa for its advanced genomic sequencing and the ability to detect new variants quicker," the foreign affairs ministry said in a statement.

"Excellent science should be applauded and not punished," the statement added.

"New variants have been detected in other countries. Each of those cases have had no recent links with Southern Africa," yet the global "reaction to those countries is starkly different to cases in southern Africa."

The World Health Organisation has cautioned against imposing travel restrictions due to Omicron.

South Africa's healh ministry slammed the travel restrictions as "draconian", "panic" and "misdirected" measures which go "against the norms and advice by the WHO".

"We feel some of the leadership of countries are finding scapegoats to deal with what is a worldwide problem," said Health Minister Joe Phaahla.

Pretoria fears the border closures will hurt "families, the travel and tourism sector, businesses" and that it may deter other countries from reporting discoveries of future variants for fear of being ostracised and punished.

"Sometimes one gets punished for being transparent, and doing things very quick," Tulio de Oliveira, a leading virologist who announced the discovery of the Omicron variant, said. Deputy director at the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), Ahmed Ogwell, added his disgust. *AFP*

Omicron found on foreign diplomats, says Botswana

BOTSWANA'S Ministry of Health and Wellness on Friday said the Omicron variant was first detected on four foreign nationals who had entered the country on November 7 on a diplomatic mission.

The ministry said in a statement that the four tested positive as they were preparing to return on November 11. The genomic sequencing conducted on the samples on November 24 confirmed that the cases were caused by the new B.1.1.529 variant of the coronavirus.

It is not clear from where they had arrived in Botswana.

A statement said although the four have left the country, contract tracing is ongoing.

The ministry lashed out at reports that the variant emerged from Botswana.

"Contrary to speculations and in some cases insinuations by some that the variant was only detected in Botswana, the truth is that the variant has so far been detected in other countries in Africa and beyond," a ministry spokesperson said in the statement. *ENS*

Riot police deployed after protests in Iran

TEHRAN

IRANIAN police said on Saturday that 67 protesters were arrested during violent protests in the city of Isfahan over the drying up of a river.

"We have arrested 67 of the main actors and agitators behind the troubles" on Friday in the city, police General Hassan Karami told the country's Fars news agency.

More than 1,000 Iranians marched Sunday towards the governor's office in the western province of Chahar-Mahal Bakhtiari to demand a solution to water shortages, state media reported.

The march came two days after thousands of protesters converged in Isfahan to vent their anger after the lifeblood river dried up due to drought and diversion.

Footage broadcast by state television showed crowds of protesters marching in the streets of Shahr-e Kord, the provincial capital of Chahar-Mahal Bakhtiari.

They were heard chanting "it is forbidden to divert the water of Chahar-Mahal" and shouting slogans against "projects to transfer water to other regions".

Iranian farmers attend a protest demanding authorities open a dam to relieve drought-stricken areas of central province of Isfahan | FP

Iran has endured repeated droughts over the past decade, including in the south.

The Islamic republic has also experienced regular floods in recent years, a phenomenon made worse when torrential rain falls on sun-baked earth.

Scientists say climate change amplifies droughts, and their intensity and frequency in turn threaten food security.

State television said Sunday's protest come as wells, aquaducts and rivers have been drying up, including the Zayadneh Rood river that runs from the Zagros mountains in Chahar-Mahal Bakhtiari province to south of Isfahan city.

Last week, hundreds of farmers also rallied to protest the drying up of the Zayadneh Rood that has been depleted of water since 2000.

Earlier this month President Ebrahim Raisi promised to resolve water issues and said a committee would be formed to rehabilitate the river. Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has said the topic is the country's top problem, without making reference to the protests.

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Govt borrows $3 billion from Saudi Arabia

Cash-strapped Pakistan will soon get $3 billion as loan from Saudi Arabia as the Cabinet led by Prime Minister Imran Khan has approved an agreement to keep the amount in the country's central bank. The Saudi government had promised to maintain a reserve of $3 billion at the State Bank of Pakistan, Geo News reported. According to the agreement, the aid will remain in the SBP's deposit account for a year. "The SBP has finalised all arrangements and now everything is in place and the amount will be received within the next couple of days," official sources said. The Cabinet approved the agreement to keep the $3 billion aid from Saudi in the SBP, reports quoted an official document as saying.

MYANMAR

Two border crossings with China re-opened

Two Myanmar-China border crossings have re-opened for trade after the movement of goods was suspended for almost seven months due to Covid-19 restrictions. Five shipping containers of produce were exchanged on Friday at the Kyin San Kyawt border gate. Min Thein, vice-chair of the Muse Rice Wholesale Centre, said an estimated 8,00,000 bags of rice had been in limbo since the border was shut in April.

SINGAPORE

Court upholds death sentence of two PIOs

Singapore's highest court has upheld the death sentence of two Indian origin men, who had been convicted of conspiring to traffic at least 1.34 kg of cannabis in March 2016, The Straits Times reported. Malaysian Kamalnathan Muniandy, 27, and Singaporean Chandroo Subramaniam, 52, had denied being involved in the operation and knowing about the drugs. The Court of Appeal Friday also dismissed an appeal made by a third man involved in the case, Indian origin Malaysian national Pravinash Chandran. Earlier, the High Court had found that Pravinash aged 26 served as a mere courier of the drugs, and the prosecution had certified that he had helped disrupt drug trafficking activities.

Legendary US songwriter Sondheim dies

WASHINGTON

LEGENDARY Broadway songwriter Stephen Sondheim, widely credited with revolutionizing American musical theater, died on Friday at the age of 91.

Sondheim — a lyricist and composer known for works including *West Side Story* and *Sweeney Todd* –died suddenly in his Connecticut home the day after celebrating Thanksgiving with friends, his attorney F. Richard Pappas said.

The publicist for the ongoing Broadway production of Sondheim's musical "Company" at the Bernard B Jacobs Theatre, Rick Miramontez, confirmed the news to AFP.

"We have lost the Shakespeare of musical theatre," said Marianne Elliott, the director of "Company," in a statement shared on the production's Twitter page.

Before the show, Elliott and the cast took to the stage to join the audience in a standing ovation for the songwriter.

Outside the theatre, one attendee wrapped up against the cold of a New York November, Mike Morris, said: "It's the end of an era. This is a person who revolutionized American musical theater."

Another theater-goer, Austin Philemon, called Sondheim "a monumental figure in music theater history." "He's going to be remembered for hundreds of years," he added.

"He never wrote a note, he never wrote a word, that didn't mean something psychologically," director Elliott said.

EXPRESS READ

Spanish cops protest 'gag law' reform

Madrid: Tens of thousands of Spanish police officers and their supporters marched in the country's capital Madrid on Saturday to protest against government plans to reform a controversial security law known by critics as the 'gag law'. Critics of the Citizens Security Law passed by the previous conservative government in 2015 have for years said that it gave too much power to security forces in detriment of civil liberties. Powerful police unions, however, say that the proposed changes to the law will make their job more difficult. A new tweak to the law that is supported by the government is the allowance for spontaneous protests that now commonly arise from quick organisation of a march

Three hurt in gunfight at US mall

Vienna: Three people were shot and wounded Friday during an apparent fight between two groups at a North Carolina mall crowded with shoppers on the day after Thanksgiving, the police chief said. Authorities said in the late afternoon that one person was detained and there was no further threat to the public. A bystander described "mass hysteria" on one of the busiest shopping days of the year as shoppers ducked into stores for cover or ran for the exits. Durham Police Chief Patrice Andrews told reporters the shooting happened around 3.20 p.m. inside The Streets at Southpoint mall during a fight between two groups who knew each other. She said one of the victims was a 10-year-old child hit when a bullet ricocheted

STORM BATTERS BRITAIN

TWO PERSONS WERE KILLED, THOUSANDS OF HOMES CUT OFF FROM POWER AND DRIVERS STUCK ON FREEZING ROADS OVERNIGHT AS A POWERFUL STORM HIT THE NORTHERN UK, AUTHORITIES SAID ON SATURDAY

2 killed

One man was killed when his car was struck by a falling tree in Northern Ireland late Friday, police said. Another man died when he was hit by a tree in the Lake District, northwest England.

75,000

homes still without power on Saturday in Scotland, according to the country's electricity utility.

A car damaged by bricks fallen from a building as winds of 160 km per hour battered some areas of England over Friday night

FLIGHT SCARE

One woman tweeted a video of her flight from Paris struggling to land in Manchester, northwest England, in high winds late on Friday

Passengers' nervous laughter gave way to screams and sobs before the pilot aborted the landing, succeeding on a second attempt

ROADS BLOCKED

The snow and fallen trees caused road blockages across northern England and Scotland, forcing many drivers to sleep in their vehicles overnight, according to traffic police and social media.

Around 120 lorries were "stuck in the snow" on one section of motorway between Manchester and Leeds, police said, tweeting pictures of the road blanketed by snow

While the winds had eased by Saturday morning, the Met Office warned conditions would remain challenging, and the public was urged to avoid non-essential travel

Storm Arwen has delivered some dangerously strong winds overnight, with gusts in excess of 90 mph recorded. The strong winds will move south across the UK through the day, gradually weakening

Steve Ramsdale, chief meteorologist, Met Office

'UNIVERSITY OF JIHAD'

KEY TALIBAN LEADERS STUDIED AT PAKISTAN'S INFAMOUS SEMINARY

NEW YORK

DARUL Uloom Haqqania madrassa, one of Pakistan's largest and oldest seminaries and dubbed as the 'university of jihad' by its critics for helping sow violence across the region for decades, has educated more Taliban leaders than any school in the world and its alumni now hold key positions in Afghanistan, according to a media report.

The seminary in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province has had an outsize effect in Afghanistan. The seminary's alumni founded the Taliban movement and ruled Afghanistan in the 1990s.

The school has argued that the Taliban should be given the chance to show they have moved beyond their bloody ways since they first ruled Afghanistan two decades ago, *The New York Times* reported on Friday.

"The world has seen their capabilities to run the country through their victories on both the diplomatic front and on the battlefield," Rashidul Haq Sami, the seminary's vice-chancellor, told the NYT.

Seminary's late chancellor Samiul Haq, who was murdered at his residence in Islamabad in 2018 and was Sami's father, was known as the 'father of the Taliban.' "Being the alma mater of scores of Taliban leaders, Haqqania certainly commands their respect," said Azmat Abbas, author of *Madrassa Mirage: A Contemporary History of Islamic Schools in Pakistan.*

Sirajuddin Haqqani, 41, who led much of the Taliban's military efforts and carries a $5 million bounty from the US government on his head, is the new acting interior minister of Afghanistan and an alumnus. So is Amir Khan Muttaqi, the new foreign minister, and Abdul Baqi Haqqani, the higher education minister, the report said.

The justice minister, the chief of the Afghan water and power ministry, and a variety of governors, military commanders and judges also passed through the Haqqania seminary, school administrators say.

Channel smugglers net millions per km

LONDON

THE price to cross the English Channel varies according to the network of smugglers, between 3,000 and 7,000 euros ($3,380 and $8,000) though there are rumours of discounts.

Often, the fee also includes a very short-term tent rental in the windy dunes of northern France and food cooked over fires that sputter in the rain that falls for more than half the month of November in the Calais region. Sometimes, but not always, it includes a life vest and fuel for the outboard motor.

And the people who collect the money ' up to 300,000 euros ($432,000) per boat that makes it across the narrows of the Channel ' are not the ones arrested in the periodic raids along the coastline. They are just what French police call 'the little hands'.

Now, French authorities are hoping to move up the chain of command. The French judicial investigation into Wednesday's sinking that killed 27 people has been turned over to Paris-based prosecutors who specialise in organised crime.

To cross the 33-km narrow point of the Channel, the rubber dinghies must navigate frigid waters and passing cargo ships. As of Nov 17, 23,000 people had crossed successfully, according to Britain's Home Office. France intercepted about 19,000 people.

At a minimum, then, smuggling organisations this year have netted 69 million euros ($77.7 million) for the crossing ' that's 2 million euros per kilometer.

"This has become so profitable for criminals that it's going to take a phenomenal amount of effort to shift it," the UK Home Office's Dan O'Mahoney told Parliament. *AP*

France mulls autonomy for violence-hit Caribbean island

FORT-DE-FRANCE

FRANCE'S government is offering to discuss some autonomy for the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, which has been wracked by virus-related rioting and strikes that reflect long-running frustrations over inequality with the French mainland.

The overnight offer by the government minister for overseas affairs, Sebastien Lecornu, drew sharp criticism on Saturday from conservative and far right candidates for France's April presidential election.

Guadeloupe uses the euro currency and has close political ties with the mainland. But high unemployment in Guadeloupe and nearby Martinique, high costs of living and lingering anger over historical abuses have prompted some local officials to demand change.

"Some officials have asked the question of autonomy," Lecornu said in a televised address. "According to them, Guadeloupe could manage itself better' than it is managed from Paris, and they notably want more autonomy to manage health-related issues," he said.

Widow of S Korean dictator apologises for husband's excesses

SEOUL

The widow of a South Korean dictator who brutally crushed opponents until mass demonstrations forced him from power apologised on Saturday for the "pains and wounds" of her husband's rule.

Chun Doo-hwan died on Tuesday at his home in Seoul aged 90 and remains among the country's most reviled figures.

A general in the military, he effectively took control of South Korea in a coup after the 1979 assassination of strongman Park Chung-hee.

He was president from 1980 to 1988, ruling with an iron fist, and became known as the "Butcher of Gwangju" for ordering his troops to put down an uprising against his rule in the southwestern city in 1980.

"On behalf of my husband, I would like to deeply apologise to those who suffered pains and wounds during his time in office," Lee Soon-ja said on the final day of Chun's five-day funeral service.

Lee Soon-ja

The apology was brief and did not specify Chun's wrongdoings. Chun never apologised during his lifetime for his atrocities and became mired in court battles in his final years.

His reign was marked by the widespread use of torture against dissidents and stifling of freedom of expression.

Around 200 people were killed or went missing during the uprising in Gwangju, according to official figures, but activists say the toll may have been three times as many.

He was convicted of treason and condemned to death in 1996 but his execution was commuted on appeal and he was released following a presidential pardon. Lee Jae-myung, the ruling Democratic Party's candidate for next year's presidential election, said Lee had "insulted" the people of Gwangju by not specifically mentioning the uprising and its victims in her apology.

But Min Jeong-ki, a long-time aide to Chun, told local media that Lee's apology did not cover the uprising because it took place before Chun officially took office as president.

$640.401 billion India's total forex exchange reserves for the week ended November 19, rising by $289 million from the previous week, the Reserve Bank of India said

States' capex on slide track in FY22

Top 10 states that account for 77% of the states' capex see 22% decline in FY22 over FY21

SUNITHA NATTI

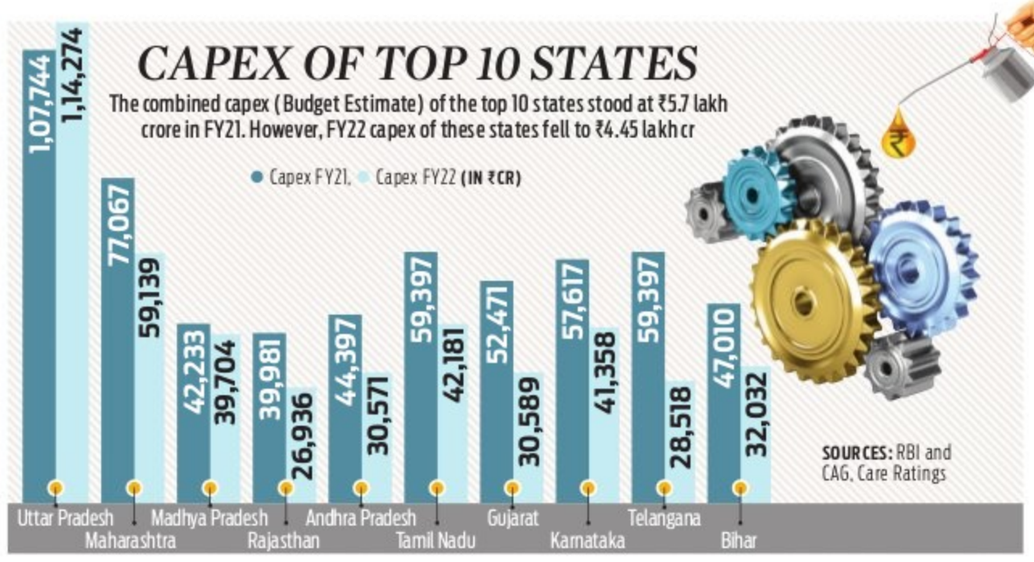
GIVEN the bleak tax revenues of states, their capital expenditure (capex) seems to have taken a severe knock in FY22.

Despite pitched calls for higher capex to spur economic growth, the top 10 states, that account for about 77% of the total states' capex, saw a significant 22% decline in FY22 over FY21, shows a *TNIE* analysis.

According to the RBI Handbook of Statistics on Indian States released last week, the top 10 states' combined capex (Budget Estimate) stood at ₹5.7 lakh crore in FY21. However, data compiled by Care Ratings (sourced from CAG), FY22 capex of these states fell to ₹4.45 lakh crore, translating to a decline of ₹1.26 lakh crore.

The states include Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Karnataka, Telangana, and Bihar. Barring UP, the remaining nine states have budgeted lower capex in FY22 over FY21.

The states' combined capex is often higher than that of the Centre and augments the overall public investment. Moreover, states have a bigger responsibility for capital formation being higher than 15% compared to the Centre and according to Care, any shortfall in spending will militate against capital formation as the capex of states is rooted to the ground level and is considered to have a higher multiplier effect on the economy relative to the Centre. And for momentum to be maintained in investment, these states need to keep the projects ticking.



But the top seem to be spending lesser and lesser. In the first six months of the current fiscal, they had spent just about 28.3% of the budgeted amount, far lower than the Centre's over 40%. While Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan had spent a relatively higher proportion of the Budget estimate, Gujarat and Karnataka spent about 1/3 of the amount. The two laggards include Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, which incidentally are also the largest states in terms of size of capex.

Sensing the need to revive state-level capex, the Ministry of Finance recently took a call to frontload ₹95,082 crore in two tranches of ₹47,541 crore each to enable higher capex. Of this, the top 10 states are being given ₹62,000 crore within this month. The top two states, i.e, UP and Maharashtra together will get about ₹23,000 crore.

Typically, states increase their capex in the last quarter of the fiscal, when there's greater clarity on the revenue flow and fiscal deficit. According to Care, the relatively low proportion of states' expenditure incurred on capital projects has certain implications. "First, if states have accomplished only a quarter of the overall targets, there would be pressure in the second half to deliver on capex to really push the econmoy. The future flow of revenue will be critical that will drive capex by states as they tend to calibrate their expenses with revenue flows to ensure that the fiscal limits are not breached by the end of the year. Their state of fiscal deficit is also important as all such expenditure is discretionary and be deferred," it noted.

Meanwhile, the Centre had targeted ₹5.13 lakh crore of capex in FY22, excluding ₹40,374 crore for loans. Of this, it has spent ₹2.09 lakh crore during the first six months of the fiscal, which is about 41% of the Budget target. While the proportion spent is comparable to that of FY21 at 40%, it's lower than 56% and 54% spent in FY20 and FY19 respectively.

Paytm's net loss widens 11% to ₹482 cr in 2nd quarter; revenue rises 64%

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

FINANCIAL services company Paytm's parent One97 Communications on Saturday reported that its net loss widened 11% at ₹482 crore in the second quarter ended September 30, 2021, compared to the same period in the previous fiscal. Its net loss in Q2FY20 stood at ₹435 crore.

The company's net loss during the previous quarter of this fiscal was ₹377 crore.

However, its revenue from operations grew 64% Y-o-Y to ₹1,090 crore, driven by 52% growth in non-UPI payment volumes (GMV) and more than 3 times growth in financial services and other revenue. Its revenue from operations stood at ₹664 crore in Q2FY21.

The company is reporting its earnings publicly for the first time since listing recently.

Paytm said its contribution profit was ₹260 crore in Q2 FY22, up 592% Y-o-Y due to monetisation of its large distribution base through high margin offerings such as lending, advertisements and commerce offerings. Its contribution profit for the half-year ended September 30, 2021, was ₹500 crore,

which has exceeded the contribution profit of ₹360 crore for the full previous financial year.

Paytm reported that its GMV for Q2 FY22 was ₹1,95,600 crore, up by 107% Y-o-Y and the growth momentum continued in October 2021, when the GMV at ₹83,200 crore was up 131% Y-o-Y.

As the company is continuing to invest in expanding its user base, the average monthly transacting users (MTU) in Q2 FY22 was up by 33% Y-o-Y to 57.4 million and the trajectory has continued in October 2021 with 63 million MTUs, registering a growth of 35% Y-o-Y compared to 47 million MTUs in October 2020.

According to an exchange filing, revenues from payment and financial services went up by 69% y-o-y to ₹8,42.6 crore, and revenue from payment services to customers was up 54% Y-o-Y to ₹353.6 crore, driven by increase in non-UPI payment usage on its consumer platform.

"The growth of non-UPI GMV has driven continued payments revenue growth, and our UPI-led payment volume growth is translating to a significant ramp up of our financial services offering. We are driving digital payments and financial services penetration and widespread adoption across India," Paytm said.

Paytm's financial services and others revenue grew 250% Y-o-Y to ₹88.7 crore in Q2 FY 2022, driven by growth in lending and wealth (Paytm Money) revenues. The share of financial services and others revenue increased from 3.8% of total revenue from operations in Q2 FY 2021 to 8.2% in Q2 FY 2022.

The company's revenues from commerce and cloud services went up by 47% Y-o-Y to ₹243.8 crore. Interestingly, its revenue from cloud increased to ₹160 crore up 37% Y-o-Y primarily due to a strong growth in the advertisement revenue.

EXPRESS READ

Court summons P Chidambaram, son

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Saturday took cognisance of the chargesheets filed by the CBI and the ED against former Union minister P Chidambaram and his son Karti in the Aircel-Maxis case and summoned them on December 20. Special Judge MK Nagpal passed the order after noting that there was sufficient evidence to summon Chidambaram and the other accused in the corruption and money-laundering cases lodged by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) respectively.

Airtel withdraws data benefit in-app coupons

New Delhi: Airtel has withdrawn certain data benefit coupons it was offering through its app on some of the prepaid plans, a move it said will help "avoid any confusion" among consumers about the offerings and comparisons between various plans. The telecom operator had announced 20-25% tariff hikes for various prepaid offerings, including tariffed voice plans, unlimited voice bundles and data top-ups, and the new rates came into effect from Friday.

NEWSCOPE

CONTINUING FARM PROTESTS BRING FOCUS ON RURAL DISTRESS

GURBIR SINGH

THE surprise Gurpurab announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the 3 contentious farm laws would be repealed in the coming winter session of Parliament was designed to take the wind out of the sails of the Opposition ahead of the state elections. Some called it a 'masterstroke'! Most expected the farmers will pack up from Delhi's borders and head home.

On the ground, things are different. As the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) celebrates its one year of struggle against the farm laws, the movement of tractors and rustic folk is in the direction of Delhi, not away from it.

AMIT BANDRE

Farmers leader Rakesh Tikait, speaking at Hyderabad, made it clear that now that they had the nation's attention, the protestors wouldn't budge till their other important demands, like a MSP law, are met. What he's saying is: we'll keep the fires burning till the elections early next year. Makes sense: With the repeal of the laws, why should they let the advantage pass to the BJP?

Residual demands

The continuing farmers' protests will now have two important goals: getting the government to agree to the residual but important outstanding demands; and to bring the spotlight on the plight of the rural economy.

Among the most important demands they are pushing is a law recognising MSP. Minimum Support Price (MSP) is a mechanism accepted by the government since the 1970s to ensure that paddy and wheat farmers are protected against a sharp fall in market prices. This is an accepted policy, and the government says it is committed to implement it. Then why is there hesitation in backing it by legal legislation?

The fear of the government, expressed in affidavits it has filed, is that if there is a law recognising MSP, it will distort free trade. The farmers, on the other hand, are suspicious that the provision can be withdrawn anytime, since there are no legal guarantees.

Another important demand is the withdrawal of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021. Farmers feel it is structured to end the subsidised power tariff. Any rise in power tariffs at this stage, when farm product prices do not even cover the cost of production, will be disastrous.

Besides hard demands, the farmers are also seeking honour. As many as 670 of their comrades have died at the barricades, and the *tapasiya* of empty words is not enough. The hurt of 5 protestors being mowed down at Lakhimpur Kheri by a cavalcade of goons belonging to minister Ajay kumar Mishra Teni is also festering. His son has been arrested after the apex court intervened. To allow the law to take its own course, it is imperative MoS Ajay kumar Mishra step down. But it is business as usual as the minister does his rounds of ribbon-cutting in Lakhimpur Kheri. This would not be acceptable in any other civilized society.

Bharat versus India

Beyond immediate demands, the most important spin-off from the one-year long protests is to bring rural India back in focus. For instance, there is again talk of the Swaminathan Committee. To better the rural economy, the National Commission on Farmers (NCF) was formed in 2004 under the chairmanship of agricultural scientist M S Swaminathan. The committee submitted five reports between the year 2004 and 2006, suggesting measures to enhance productivity, profitability, and sustainability of farming in India.

While both the UPA and the BJP governments have claimed they have implemented the over 200 recommendations, the ground reality is different. The distress in agriculture continues. Small farm plots are not sustainable, and there is poor technology transfer and access to rural credit. Result: migration of farmers to urban jobs continues unabated showing how little of the Swaminathan report has been actually implemented.

The protests have also brought to the fore the 'India versus Bharat' debate on the question of unremunerative farm produce first sparked in the 1970s by Sharad Joshi. The leader of the Shetkari Sanghatna, who led agitations of onion farmers in his home area of Chakan, near Pune, had demonstrated with real math that urban 'India' exploited rural 'Bharat' by deliberately suppressing the prices of farm produce. This benefited industry and the service sector who managed to keep wages low and living conditions for workers cheap.

Layers of middlemen profited, but the poor farmer cannot even claim the cost of his inputs and labour from his agricultural produce. This in turn has led to the 'survival economics' of subsidies where fertilizer, power, credit and water are being supplied at below-cost for years. When the whole rural economy works on dole, there is no profit, and no growth.

Unfortunately, from this point on, Sharad Joshi advocated the 'free' market of classic capitalism. Something which does not exist. He proposed dismantling of government procurement and the 'freedom' to sell to whomever and wherever to fetch better rates for farmers. Anil Ghanwat, a Shetkari Sanghatna leader and a member of the Supreme Court-appointed committee to review the farm laws, is currently advocating the same. They have not weighed that a 'free' market might just lead farmers into further penury and into the hands of corporate cabals who have the purchasing and warehousing power.

Hopefully the refreshed debates and continuing protests will trigger new thinking and new policies that will go beyond vote-bank politics and tackle the poverty and stagnation of our rural economy.

Business & Beyond

Constitution Day observed at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

During the ongoing celebration of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", and as per directives received from Railway Board and Ministry of Parliament Affairs, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) observed Constitution Day on Nov 26 to mark the adoption of Constitution of India. Satish Kumar Kashyup, General Manager, read out the preamble of the Constitution with departmental heads, senior officers and staff.

South Eastern Railway celebrates Constitution Day

The Constitution Day was observed at South Eastern Railway Headquarters, Garden Reach on Nov 26. Archana Joshi, General Manager, South Eastern Railway, all principal head of the departments, senior officers and staff read out the preamble to the constitution of India during the live programme of Hon'ble President of India who led the celebrations all over the country.

Indian Overseas Bank conducts Credit Outreach Programme in Bengaluru

Indian Overseas Bank on Nov 25 conducted the Credit Outreach Programme at city branch in Bengaluru. During the event, the bank has distributed sanction letters to MSME and retail borrowers of Karnataka to the tune of more than ₹40 cr. The sanction letters were distributed by Excutive Director of Indian Overseas Bank S Srimathy. Officials from RO/branches were present on the occasion.

EIL and CHEMPOLIS OY, Finland tie up for conversion of biomass to green fuels

Engineers India Limited (EIL) and CHEMPOLIS OY, Finland have signed a strategic alliance for conversion of biomass to green fuels. The agreement was signed on 24th November, 2021 between EIL and CHEMPOLIS in New Delhi. The agreement was executed in the presence of Vartika Shukla, C&MD, EIL, SK Handa, Director (Projects), EIL, AK Kalra, Director (HR), EIL, Sanjay Aggarwal, MD, Fortum India and Faizur Rehman, Head-Bio2X, Fortum.

PSPL cuts power tariff

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited has given a number of relief and concessions to various consumers of Punjab. AVenu Prasad, CMD, said that PSPCL is committed to provide uninterrupted, quality and cheaper power to the people of Punjab for progress and prosperity of the state. The PSPCL has reduced the power tariff of domestic consumers by ₹3 per unit with a load of 7 KW with effect from Nov 1, 2021.

Maha tourism and MVTCI ink pacts with UAE, Bangladesh and Oman

Maharashtra's Directorate of Tourism and Medical Value Travel Council of India (MVTCI) have signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with the UAE, Bangladesh and Oman in the Gulf to bring the western Indian state's wellness and healthcare tourism offerings to citizens and residents in these countries. The event took place at the World Expo 2020 Dubai, on 20th November.

Five Star award for Ramco Cements' mines

The two mines of Ramco Cements viz. Melavenkateswarapuram Limestone Mine, RR Nagar and Pudupalayam & Periyangalur Limestone Mine, Ariyalur were conferred the FIVE STAR award during the 5th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals. The conclave under the aegis of Ministry of Mines, Government of India and Indian Bureau of Mines was held on November 23 2021 at The Hotel Ashok, New Delhi.

LIC felicitates Olympic and paralympic winners

To recognize the achievements of Indian athletes in recently concluded Tokyo Olympics 2020, LIC felicitated the Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners in different streams. To encourage the players who reached up to the 4th position, but missed the Bronze medal, they too were felicitated by LIC. Events were organized in the home towns of the players and the Cash Award was handed over to the players by Senior Dignitaries of LIC.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number : 96461 23323)

Tender Enquiry No. PPR-12/2021 **Dated: 26.11.2021**

Chief Engineer/PP&R Organization, Shed No. D-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender under three part bid system for supply of electrical energy from interstate /intrastate sources viz. Generators, Traders having Valid Inter State Trading License issued by CERC for interstate trading of energy, intrastate trading license issued by PSERC for intrastate trading of energy, State Electricity Boards, State Electricity Utilities, States, IPPs & CPPs from 15th December 2021 to 31st March 2022. The link for the e-Bidding portal is **www.mstcecommerce.com** and is also available on the website of Ministry of Power (**www.Powermin.nic.in**) and PFC Consultancy Limited (**www.pfcindia.com**). For detailed NIT & tender specifications please refer to **www.mstcecommerce.com** and official website of PSPCL i.e. **www.pspcl.in from 26.11.2021** onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **www.mstcecommerce.com**

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EXIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Form No. INC-26

[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the Company from one state to another

BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
SOUTH EAST REGION DIRECTORATE, HYDERABAD

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 **AND**

IN THE MATTER OF EXIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

a company registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and having its Registered Office at No.3/1, 3rd Floor, JP Techno Park, Millers Road, Bangalore-560001, Karnataka, India (CIN: U66010KA2000PLC028273) **- Petitioner**

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company **M/s. EXIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED** proposes to make an application with the Regional Director, South East Region Directorate under Section 13(4) of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of Clause II of its Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed in the Extraordinary General Meeting held on **Monday, the 4th day of October 2021** to enable the Company to change its registered office from the **"State of Karnataka" to the "State of Maharashtra".**

Any person whose interest is likely to be adversely affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company may deliver **either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form** or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at the address at 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500 068, Telangna within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below: No.3/1, 3rd Floor, JP Techno Park, Millers Road, Bangalore-560001, Karnataka, India.

For EXIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- (KSHITIJ JAIN)**
Date: 27.11.2021 **Managing Director & CEO, DIN: 00237135**

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Bank of Baroda
(A Government of India undertaking)
VIJAYAPURA Branch - BANGALORE Rural.

DEMAND NOTICE

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

We **Bank of Baroda** had issued Demand Notice dated herein under Sec.13(2) of SARFAESI Act to the addresses furnished by you. Since you are not found in the addresses furnished by you/notice returned/not acknowledged properly, this paper publication is being made. The contents of the said notice are that you had committed default in payment of dues in the various loans granted to you. The outstanding amount along with further interest, costs etc., are mentioned hereunder.

Name of the Borrower: Prakash N, S/o Nagaraj G, Residing at Ward No.5, Shidhlaghatta Division, Vijayapura (H), Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural-562135. **Guarantor: Mrs. Jyothi V, W/o Prakash N,** Residing at Ward No.5, Shidhlaghatta Division, Vijayapura (H), Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural-562135
Non Performing Asset on: 29-10-2021 **Demand Notice Dated: 30-10-2021**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.10,76,753.20 (Rupees Ten lakh Seventy Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Three and Twenty Paisa Only) (inclusive of interest upto 29-10-2021) + Unrealized Interest. **Term Loan A/c No 67100600000667**
Description of the Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of property bearing Purasabe Khata No.287/3/842/3104/3, Property No.22-516-23, 287/1/842/1/3104/1 located in 1st Division, 5th Ward, Vijayapura Town, Devenahalli Taluk, Bangaluru Rural District, Measuring east to west 20+24/2 feet and north to south 10 feet and east to West 20+15/2 feet and north to south 23feet in all 622.12 Sq.Feet **and being bounded by: East by:** Road and property of putta Thayamma, **West by:** property of Jyothi, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property of Ever Green School.

In case you fail to make the payment as aforesaid, Bank shall be constrained to take recourse in terms of the provisions of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets, entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences thereof. The powers available to **Bank of Baroda** under the Act include **(i)** power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured asset **(ii)** take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realise the secured asset and any transfer of secured asset by **Bank of Baroda** shall vest in the all rights or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. Please note that after receipt of this notice in terms of Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act you shall not transfer any of the aforesaid secured assets, by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business) without the prior written consent of **Bank of Baroda.** Then non-compliance with the above provision as contained in Section 13(13) of SARFAESI Act is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the SARFAESI Act.
This notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 27-11-2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer/ Chief Manager**
Place: Vijayapura, Bangalore **Bank of Baroda**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

BRANCH : Devanahalli Branch, Akshaya Bhavan BB Road
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Possession Notice

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.09.2021** calling upon the borrower **1. K. R. Beverages,** Sy. No. 17/1, Rayasandra, Budigere Road, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural, **2. Sri B. K. Muniyappa,** S/o. Sri Krishnappa, R/o. No. 30, Bychapura Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 562 110. **3. Sri B. K. Nataraja,** S/o. Sri Krishnappa, R/o. No. 30, Bychapura Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 562 110 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice, being **Rs.1,68,38,295.58** (Rupees One crore sixty eight lakh thirty eight thousand two hundred and ninety five and paise fifty eight only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **23rd Day of November 2021.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs.1,68,38,295.58** (Rupees One crore sixty eight lakh thirty eight thousand two hundred and ninety five and paise fifty eight only) and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Security Assets

S. No. 1: Movables : All Hypothecated Goods, Plant & Machinery, Furniture & Fixtures, and Delivery Van,
Name of the Title Holder: K. R. Beverages
Immovables : 1. All that piece and parcel of property bearing Sy. No. 18/8 (Old No. 18/1) measuring to an extent of 0-06.08 guntas out of 16 guntas situated at Bychapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District bounded by : East: Land of Povamma and others, West : Land of Ramaiah and Dodda Povappa, North : Road to Rayasandra, South: Land of Dinne Mane Narayanappa.
Name of the Title Holder: Sri B. K. Muniyappa and Sri B. K. Nataraja.
2. All that piece and parcel of property bearing Sy. No. 18/11 (Old No. 18/1) measuring to an extent of 0-03 1/4 guntas out of 16 guntas situated at Bychapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District bounded by : East: Land of Muniyappa, West : Land of Nataraj and Muniyappa, North : Govt. Road to Rayasandra, South: Land of Muniyappa and Nataraja.
Name of the Title Holder: Sri B. K. Muniyappa and Sri B. K. Nataraja.

Place : Devanahalli **Sd/-**
Date : 26.11.2021 **Authorised Officer**
Canara Bank

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Asset Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru

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APPENDIX-IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Sale Notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis on **15.12.2021** for recovery of **Rs.1,51,09,940/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty One Lakhs Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Only) as on 22.11.2021+ interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri. G. Madhukar** S/o Sri Govindarajulu and **Dr.(Mrs.).Chitra Rajan** D/o Mr. K.S Rajan, W/o G Madhukar (Borrowers).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs. 1,03,00,000/-	Rs. 10,30,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No : SBI/ARMB/KRV/12
Name of title holder :Sri. G. Madhukar S/o Sri Govindarajulu and **Dr.(Mrs.).Chitra Rajan** D/o Mr. K.S Rajan, W/o G Madhukar
SCHEDULE-A : All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy No. 121,124 & 117/P6 measuring 10 Acres 19 Guntas which includes the area relinquished towards Roads, parks and Civic Amenities and situated at S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, converted to residential purposes by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District,Bangalore vide Order Nos. ALN(A)(S)68/06-07 dated 16.08.2007 and by Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore Sub Division vide Order No. ALN.SR(A)426/2004-05 dated 07.01.2005 and bounded on the East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.
SCHEDULE-B : All that piece and parcel of the Site property allotted Plot No. 87 in **CONFIDENT BELLATRIX** having a measurement of 3750 Square Feet formed out of property mentioned in Schedule A along with Villa of Built-up area of 3000 Square Feet/278.71 Sq. Mt. and the layout is approved by BMRDA(APA) vide order No. APA/LAO/27/2007-08, standing in the joint names of Dr. (Mrs.) Chitra Rajan D/o Mr. K.S. Rajan and Mr. Madhukar Govindarajulu s/o Madhawa Naidu Govindarajulu and bounded on the East by:Plot Nos. 90 and 91, West by: Road, North by: Plot No.86, South by: Plot No.88.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement)Rules,2002. For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Assets Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru- 560009 during office hours, Phone No. 080-25943765/25943769 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt Ltd, Bangalore Representative: Sri. Chayapathy, Cell No.9901902500.
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date: 24.11.2021 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru State Bank of India
Asset Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **Mr. Nabanita Panda**, aged about 27 years, S/o. Mr. Manoranjan Panda, R/at. Sriven Apartment, Bellandur Railway Station Road, Opp. J.P. Morgan, Kadubeesanahalli, Panathur, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 103, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Mr. NABANITA PANDA** to **Mr. NABNIT PANDA,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **Mr. NABNIT PANDA** only, vide affidavit dated 24.11.2021, sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I Annapoorna Devi swamy D/o Madivalayya swamy R/at #11-211 Bhaskaranagar, Chitguppa, Bidar, have changed my name from **ANNAPOORNADEVI** to **ANNAPOORNA DEVI SWAMY** vide affidavit dated 21-10-2021 sworn before Notary Mahesha J. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I Gourishankar Swamy S/o Madivalayya swamy R/at #11-211 Bhaskaranagar, Chitguppa, Bidar, have changed my name from **GOURISHANKAR** to **GOURISHANKAR SWAMY** vide affidavit dated 21-10-2021 sworn before Notary Mahesha J. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED RAHAMATHULLA WAHEED**, S/o Abdul Waheed, R/o Flat No.302, 3rd floor, Amir Abode 4/1, 2nd Cross, BM Krishnappa Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, Bangalore – 560032, have changed my name as **MOHAMMED RAHAMATHULLA,** vide affidavit dated 26/11/21 sworn before notary Leela, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUPRIYA SUNDER**, D/o. Late C.N Sunder, Age 35 years, R/O No.12, 4th Cross, 5th Block, Kamakya Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560085, do hereby declare that I have changed my name to **SUPRIYA DINKAR,** vide affidavit dated: 25/11/2021 sworn before notary B.K.R KRISHNAMURTHY, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUKESHA SADASHIV HEGDE** S/o **Sadashiva G Hegde** R/at No. 1-105/3 Kunjekyar House, Durga Nagar, Kadthala Post, Karkala Tq, Udupi -574108 have changed my name to **SUKESH HEGDE** vide affidavit dated:17/11/2021 Before Notary **Harisha.G** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MANJUNATHA. P, Residing at No. 401, Sri Ram Nilaya, 5th 'A' Cross, Near P.K Kalyana Mantapa, Classic Paradise Layout, Begur, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MANJUNATHA. P** to **(NEW NAME) MANJUNATH. P** vide affidavit date 27.11.2021 sworn before Notary B.M Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) DHARMENDAR SIREMULLJI, Residing at Old No. 59, New No, 4, Pulliyar Koil Street, Ashoknagar, Bengaluru - 560 025, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) DHARMENDAR SIREMULLJI** to **(NEW NAME) DHARMENDRA KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 27.11.2021 sworn before Notary B.R Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ABDUL WAJID,** Residing at No.5, 1st Main, Chinnanna Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, R T Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560032, have changed my name from **BUDDEN SAHEB ABDUL WAJID** (Old Name) to **ABDUL WAJID** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 27-11-2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary, K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PANDRANI CHANDAR,** Residing at No.38, 1st Pakshiraja Pura, Nelluru Pala Post, Hanagudu Hobbli Hunsur Tq., Mysuru Dist, Karnataka-571105, have changed my name from **PANDRANI** (Old Name) to **PANDRANI CHANDAR** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 27-11-2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary, K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHANDAR USMAN,** Residing at No.38, 1st Pakshiraja Pura, Nelluru Pala Post, Hanagudu Hobbli Hunsur Tq., Mysuru Dist, Karnataka-571105, have changed my name from **CHANDAR** (Old Name) to **CHANDAR USMAN** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 27-11-2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary, K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mukesh Kumar M, S/o.Late Manak Chand .B, aged about 34 years, R/at No. 186, Flat No. 201, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru-560018, have changed my son's name from **DHAIRYA JAIN** to **ATHARV M** vide affidavit dated 27-11-2021 sworn before notary M.S. Satish, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, G.T. Rudramurthy, S/o.Late Sri B.M. Thimmaiah, aged about 50 years, R/at No. 3390/30, 3rd Cross, 5th Main, RPC Layout, behind Hampinagar Post Office, Bengaluru-560104, have changed my son's name from **NIHAL G.R.** to **VARNITH SURYA GOWDNAMANE** vide affidavit dated 25-11-2021 sworn before notary S. Jayanna, Bengaluru

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Sd/- **Sanketh Ravi**
Date: 27.11.2021 Place: Bengaluru

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Whereas the authorised officer of Sree Subramanyeswara Co-operative Bank Ltd., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred Under Section 13 (2), (12) of the Act, Read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Act-2002 issued a demand notices calling upon borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's to repay the amount mentioned in the said notices to the following borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's.

Sl. No.	Demand Notice Date/ Possession Notice Date	Name of the Borrower's/ Guranantor's/ Mortgagor's	Description of the Properties Mortgaged	Amount Due in Rs.
1.	05/08/2021 24/11/2021	Sri Vishwanath K.S., Smt. Shwetha K.V, M/s. Auto Power Inc, Proprietor: Sri Vishwanath K.S, Smt. Shwetha K V, Sri Srinivasan R., Sri Palaksha M	**Mortgaged immovable Property land and building; Schedule Property No. 1:** All the piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing No. 8/3 (Previously portion of property bearing No. 8/1), Situated at 2nd Main Road, Marenahalli, Bengaluru, within the limits and administration of Govindarajnagar range of BBMP, Bengaluru, Corporation ward No.125 (Old Ward No. 35) PID No. 35/9-8/3 together with structure standing thereon and measuring East to West 21 feet and North to South 57 feet and totally measuring about 1197 Sq. feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East by: Private Property, West by: Common passage measuring 3 feet 6 inches × 57 feet and thereafter private property belong to Sri B.L. Prithviraj, North by: Road, South by: Property belonging to Sri R.Jayaram Sharma and Smt.Nirmala Sharma. **Property belongs to Sri.K.S.Vishwanath.** **Schedule Property No. 2 :** All the piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing No.16/8-1 (Earlier portion of Site No.1, formed in Sy. No. 383, Old No.181) situated at Marenahalli Village, Magadi Road. Kempapura Agrahara, Bengaluru, later Municipal No.16/1-A, presently Situated at 2nd Main Road, Marenahalli, Bengaluru, Ward No.125 (Old ward No.35), PID No.35-9-8/1, together with structure standing thereon and measuring East to West 24 feet 6 inches and North to South 18 feet and totally measuring about 442.80 Sq. feets, and bounded by the following boundaries: East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property and Passage measuring 3'6" X 57', South by: Private Property. **Property belongs to Sri K.S. Vishwanath.** **Hypothecated Assets:** Hypothecation of Plant and Machineries, Stocks, Furniture and fixture, Fittings, Interiors, and any other receivables, etc., at M/s. Auto Power Inc, No. 66, Shop No.2, Vasavi Temple Complex, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040.	**Rs. 1,31,54,859.30** (Rupees One Crore Thirty One Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Nine and Thirty Paise Only) and future interest and other applicable charges/costs from **01/08/2021.**
2.	09/08/2021 24/11/2021	M/s. Kool Look, Proprietor: Sri Suresh V. Sri Krishna Murthy K.R.	**Mortgaged immovable Property land and building;** All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing No. 376/1 (Earlier Northern portion of the site bearing No. 376, old No. 328/15, still earlier site No. 328, carved out of land in Sy. No.1 to 72 of Gavipuram in the layout formed by Bengaluru Development Authority) presently situated at Chandrashekar Azad Road, Bengaluru, Corporation ward No.155 (Old Ward No.52) PID No. 52-101-376/1, and measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South (19.5 feet + 18.5 feet)/2 feet and totally measuring about 380 Sq. feets and together with structure standing thereon and bounded by the following boundaries: East by: Site bearing No. 329, West by: Site bearing No. 327, North by: Site bearing No. 315, South by: Property bearing No. 328/15-376 and thereafter Road. **Property Belongs to Sri Suresh V.** **Hypothecated Assets:** Hypothecation of Plant and Machineries, Stocks, Furniture and fixture, Fittings, Interiors and any others receivables, etc., at M/s. Kool Look, No.18, BSK 3rd Stage, Near Kalikamba Temple, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru-560085.	**Rs. Rs. 15,85,014.00** (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Fourteen Only) and future interest and other applicable charges/costs from **01/08/2021.**
3.	13/09/2021 24/11/2021	Sri Dayanand C, Sri Vijay Kumar C, Smt. Shobha V and M/s. Nethravathi Bar & Restaurant, Proprietor: Sri Dayanand C, Sri Ramesh K, Sri Vijay Kumar C, Smt. Shobha V	**Mortgaged immovable Property land and building;** All that piece and parcel of combined property in site No. 19 (Khatha No. 359/43/4/20) and Site No. 20 (Khatha No. 359/43/4/20), now assigned for the amalgamated property with BBMP Khatha No. 359/43/4/19,20 situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Ward No. 09, BBMP, Vidyaranyapura Sub Division, Bengaluru, bearing BBMP measuring East to West (37'+0)/2 i.e., on Northern side 37 feet, Southern Side 0 feet and North to South (95'+112)2 feet i.e., on Eastern side 95 feet on western side 112 feet totally measuring about 2908 sq. feet, together with structures standing thereon and bounded as follows: East: 25 feet Road, West: Partly Road and partly Private Property, North: Property No. 18, South: Road. **Property belongs to Sri Vijaya Kumar C and Sri Dayananda C.** **Hypothecated Assets:** Hypothecation of M/s Nethravathi Bar & Restaurant, its Stocks, Furniture and fixture, Fittings, Interiors and any others receivables, etc., at No. 828/856, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097.	**Rs. 2,70,63,433.00** (Rupees Two Crores Seventy Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Three Only) and future interest and other applicable charges/costs from **01/09/2021.**

The borrowers and guarantors/mortgagors having failed to repay the above mentioned amount, the undersigned in exercise of powers conferred Under Section 13(4) of the Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Rules has taken possession of the properties described above mentioned dates. **"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets".**

The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties in any manner and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Sree Subramanyeswara Co-op Bank Ltd for amount mentioned above.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bengaluru **Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**
Date: 24/11/2021 **Bengaluru-560004**

Ghosal 1st Indian to win Malaysian Open C'ships

India's Saurav Ghosal created history on Saturday as he became the first Indian to win the Malaysian Open Championships after beating Miguel Rodriguez in the men's singles final. The second-seeded India's squash star outclassed top seed from Colombia 11-7, 11-8 and 13-11 in 55 minutes to bag his first PSA Tour title in three years.

GOAL RUSH

Lack of training because of pandemic-infused breaks has left many teams come to the Junior World Cup short on preparation

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
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AFTER the end of the second day of the junior World Cup in Bhubaneswar, the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) media release highlighted that Spain had broken a long-standing goal-scoring record. Spain, one of the sport's traditional superpowers, had scored 17 goals past US, whose field hockey federation (USA Field Hockey) still have to explain the differences between this format and the one played on ice to US natives.

It was, the FIH noted, "a new record for goals scored at the event in a single match as the European side put 17 goals past the USA. The previous record was a 13-0 victory for India against Singapore at the 1982 Junior World Cup."

For all the emphasis on of the biggest upsets of the World Cup so far, France's 5-4 win over India, the lopsided nature of the results has been one of the defining themes from Kalinga Stadium in the opening four days of competition. Consider this. Four of the 20 matches so far have seen sides winning by 10+ goals margins.

Even in a sport where winning by big margins isn't exactly uncommon, this is unprecedented over the last decade. In the last three men's junior World Cups put together (2009, 2013 and 2016), there has only been one instance of a match where the winning team won by a 10-goal margin (India vs Singapore in 2009).

Why? Most of the evidence points to the uncertainty that the Covid-19 pandemic brought with it. Money dried up in junior programmes, juniors either stopped completely training or had to go to extreme lengths to make ends meet, sponsors weren't that keen to invest and sides that anyway paid to play had to keep doing the same thing because the alternative was to give up the sport.

One only had to listen to Egypt coach, Abu-Talib Maggid, to know what Covid-19 did to their programme. "We did very little back home, in the last year we had very few training sessions. No sponsors because of Covid but the federation is doing their best. But it's not an easy job." It reflected in their performance against Argentina when they were beaten 14-0. In 2016, they conceded 13 goals in total. While even well-funded junior programmes like India's and Germany's also suffered because of the pandemic, the main difference was players continued to train. So there was always a level of continuity. That just wasn't possible in some of the nations like Egypt whose coach admitted that they had fewer than 20 training sessions for the junior team in the last year.

NUMBERS THAT PAINT A GRIM PICTURE

12 of the 20 matches have seen teams win by three goals or more.

4 matches have seen teams win by 10 or more goals.

$6500 Money each Canadian player contributed to get to the WC.

At least three of the teams have had to run specific fundraising campaigns or self-fund in order to get to India for the World Cup

Pitches that have FIH certification* in select countries taking part at World Cup

■ PAKISTAN: ZERO ■ EGYPT: **NA** ■ CHILE: TWO ■ CANADA: **THREE** ■ POLAND: **ZERO** ■ INDIA: **40**

MARGIN OF WINS/LOSSWES

Draws: 1 MATCH ■ **1-3:** 9 MATCHES ■ **4-7:** 6 MATCHES ■ **10+**: 4 MATCHES

RESULTS Pool D: Pakistan 3-1 Egypt; **Pool B:** France 11-1 Canada; **Pool A:** South Africa 3-4 Malaysia, Belgium 3-0 Chile **SUNDAY'S MATCHES: Pool C:** Korea vs Spain **12.00** PM, Netherlands vs USA **2.30 PM; Pool D:** Pakistan vs Argentina **5.00** PM, Germany vs Egypt **7.30** PM

(All numbers updated till the start of the Belgium v Chile match).

Canada's coach, Indy Sehmbi, who saw his wards beaten by France 11-1 on Saturday, was even more intimate with how Covid-19 had barbecued the country's already meagre field hockey resources. He agreed the pandemic has artificially broadened the gap between the elites and nations like Canada that take great pride in punching above their weight. "Any kind of world event like this always broadens the gap between the people who have resources and who don't."

While kids don't automatically turn to field hockey, there is the extra challenge of finding the money. Since the dough in the sport is non-existent, players have to routinely self fund. For example, the 20 players here had to chip in $6500 to make this trip. "It cost our guys $6500, think about that," Sehmbi says. "We have a lot of barriers right now, maybe not as many as other people. But always proud of my players, we will focus on what we can do to get better. These 20 guys that we have here, we have to try to make them the best hockey players they can be. Some people say these people shouldn't be here but no... how do you get better? So we have to learn and for countries like us that's what it is."

A teacher by profession, Sehmbi speaks for himself but what he says is the lived experience of several of the teams here. "When the pandemic came, the players weren't even allowed to do outdoor training, they weren't allowed to do physiology. We had a really robust programme between 2017-2019 but after Covid hit... we lost probably 15-20 players from the programme. I'm sure other countries have similar experiences."

These experiences have meant the teams that are either trying to regain a lost foothold or trying to be their gutsy selves have lost out big time. A few examples better illustrate this point. Canada, who got to the tournament only after a few of the bigger sides dropped out, have played India in each of the last three junior World Cups and their performances, in terms of results, have become progressively (2-3, 0-4 and 1-11). The bottom four teams in each Pool — Chile (Pool A), Canada (B), US (C) and Egypt (D) — between them have scored 6 goals and let in 74 goals in just 10 games.

It's undeniable the sport is more than loaded with at least seven-eight teams capable of winning the tournament which remember doesn't have Australia, New Zealand and UK. But, for all that, the divide between the elite and the bottom rung is threatening to grow wider.

Axar Patel took fifth five-wicket haul in his fourth Test on Saturday | SPORTZPICS

Slowly and steadily, India tighten hold

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

2/40, 5/60, 6/38, 5/32, 4/68, 5/48 – these were Axar Patel's numbers in his first three Test matches ever since his debut earlier in the year. These stats would make anyone proud, but the challenge for the slow-left armer was to carry on that form and challenge India's key spin duo of Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja in the Test series against New Zealand. The all-rounder was able to do that, scalping an impressive five-wicket haul against the Kiwis in the first Test at Green Park in Kanpur on Saturday. His prolific display played a central role in dismissing New Zealand for 296 in the first innings as India were 14/1 at stumps with a lead of 63 runs.

However, this incredible run of wickets in the longer format still does not make him a first or second choice spinner for India. It is only when Ashwin or Jadeja gets injured or when the think-tank opt for three spinners that Axar gets a chance in the playing XI. In fact, he made his Test debut almost six years after making his ODI appearance, reflecting how patiently he had to wait for his turn. In February, he got his break after Jadeja was ruled out of the England series due to a broken thumb and the bowler has not looked back ever since. And in Kanpur, India decided to field three spinners and the 27-year-old had to make this opportunity count.

Though his first three games of his career were played in absolute rank turners, the situation was quite different in Kanpur. The pitch did not take much of a turn, but it was a slow, low surface. This Test gave him a further chance to prove that he has it in him to make use of his skills even when the surface is not turning square. It demanded patience.

The left-arm stuck to his strength, bowling wicket-to-wicket, making the batters play as much as possible, which worked. Of his five wickets, two were bowled while one was trapped leg before. If there were any changes on Day 3, the bowler tried to use the crease much more, which helped him get more purchase from the track comparatively. At times, he also bowled quicker though the air.

With New Zealand having started the day on 129/0, they were 227/5 and that set the ball rolling for India as Axar gained further confidence, claiming two more wickets before Ashwin took the last two to put India in a good position. "When I am out there on the ground, I just try and enjoy myself. I do not think that Ashwin bhai is there or Jaddu is also there. I always see what is happening on the wicket and likewise prepare my bowling plan as well. I do not think....lead role or anything like that. I only concentrate on my bowling and think about the requirements of the team during that period," said Axar during the virtual press conference.

Scoreboard

India 1st innings: 345

New Zealand 1st innings (O/N 129-0): Latham st sub (Bharat) b Axar 95, Young c sub (Bharat) b Ashwin 89, Williamson lbw Umesh 18, Taylor c sub (Bharat) b Axar 11, Nicholls lbw Axar 2, Blundell b Axar 13, Ravindra b Jadeja 13, Jamieson c Axar b Ashwin 23, Southee b Axar 5, Somerville b Ashwin 6, Ajaz (not out) 5.Extras (b 6, lb 4, nb 5, w 1) 16, Total (all out, 142.3 ovs) 296. **FOW:** 1-151, 2-197, 3-214, 4-218, 5-227, 6-241, 7-258, 8-270, 9-284.**Bowling:** Ishant 15-5-35-0, Umesh 18-3-50-1, Ashwin 42.3-10-82-3, Jadeja 33-10-57-1, Axar 34-6-62-5.

India 2nd innings: Mayank (batting) 4, Gill b Jamieson 1, Pujara (batting) 9. Extras 0, Total (one wicket, five ovs) 14. **FOW:** 1-2**Bowling:** Southee 2-1-2-0, Jamieson 2-0-8-1, Ajaz 1-0-4-0.

India face Belgium test next

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A SOMEWHAT sloppy last quarter notwithstanding, the colts rubber-stamped their progress into the last eight with a largely comfortable 8-2 win over Poland. They will now face Belgium, who the team beat to win the 2016 edition of the junior World Cup, for a place in the semifinals.

On Saturday, under the watchful eyes of the Belgium team and support staff who were on their own scouting mission, they had no problems in dispatching a Polish outfit who caused them no problems for the first 30 minutes. The identity of the goalscorers, and the way it came, was not as a surprise as Sanjay, quickly establishing a name for himself from dead-ball situations, slammed the board from the hosts' first penalty corner in the 4th minute. Araijeet Singh Hundal, another of the side's specialist dragflickers, multiplied the lead four minutes later.

With the job already done and passage secured, the team then decided to conserve their energy of stiffer tests. Even then, the eye-catching Uttam Singh, who has surely played himself into the thoughts of the senior management, was a constant joy down the right wing. Poland added two goals in the fourth quarter after a spell of sustained pressure but Sanjay and Hundal added the gloss on the scoreline with two further strikes just before the hooter.

Uttam's 3D skills near the opposition D, endless running from coast to coast while chasing lost causes and poaching skills — he scored the team's fourth goal from a few yards away — also served as a reminder of the immense depth in Indian hockey right now.

After the match, Uttam, who is one among several players from Uttar Pradesh, revealed that Lalit Upadhyay, a senior player, has been mentoring him on and off. "We do speak on and off," he said. "It's just that he really motivates me very well. And constantly keeps telling me how I do," the player added.

Siegfried new Pakistan coach

Meanwhile Dutch Siegfried Aikman will be Pakistan senior team's new coach. Currently in Bhubaneswar overseeing the junior side, he will work out of Lahore once the World Cup finishes.

India players celebrate their goal against Poland at the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Saturday | IRFANA

Keeper Khushboo caught between hope & despair

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BAGS were packed and they were supposed to depart for South Africa in less than 24 hours to take part in the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup. Buzzing with excitement, goalkeeper Khushboo Khan, like her teammates, was determined to make the outing memorable and change silver, she had won with the team in the 2018 Youth Olympics, to gold. What transpired in the next few hours, however, transformed this cheerful bunch of players into a dejected lot.

Given the situation in the Rainbow Nation due to the detection of a new coronavirus variant, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on Friday decided to put the tournament, which was scheduled to begin on December 5, on hold. "I still can't believe what has happened. And it's not just me, everybody is disappointed," Khushboo told this daily from SAI centre in Bengaluru.

For many, the tournament is a gateway to a better life and also a platform to showcase talent and launch into the senior side. Khushboo is no different. The 18-year-old from Bhopal hails from a modest family with her father Shabbir Khan being an auto-rickshaw driver and part-time plumber and mother Mumtaz Bano a housewife. "Among the five siblings, I have the best chance of landing a government job through my on-field performances. I was banking on the Junior World Cup to get noticed by potential employers. I don't know what will happen now," she added.

Nationwide lockdown, which was imposed last year to counter the pandemic, had compounded the family's sufferings. Subsequent relaxations followed by a camp at the SAI centre gave Khushboo hope. The postponement, however, has once again made her jittery. "My father called me and tried to console me. He advised me not to let the postponement dishearten me and keep training."

Fortunately for them, their senior counterparts are with them. They have not only helped them prepare for the showpiece event but also counselled them to come to terms with the deferment. "We have worked on every aspect of the game leading up to the tournament. In the last few days, we had matches with the senior team. Even though we lost against them but the margin of defeat was enough to give us hope. As a goalkeeper, I was free to approach my senior counterparts — E Rajani and Savita Punia. Even after the postponement, they along with coaches and other support staff counselled us."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Manika in QFs of women's doubles, mixed doubles

HOUSTON: Manika Batra has reached the quarterfinals in the mixed and women's doubles events at the World Table Tennis Championships, putting India just one win away from a historic medal. In doubles, Manika and Archana Kamath defeated Hungary's Dora Madarasz and Georgina Pota 11-4, 11-9, 6-11, 11-7.

Vaughan apologises for Rafiq's pain

LONDON: Ex-England cricket captain Michael Vaughan has apologized "for the hurt" that whistleblower Azeem Rafiq experienced but he again denied making racist comments. In an interview, he was asked if he ever made any racist comments. He said: "No I didn't, no." "I'm sorry for the hurt that he's gone through."

Wrestler Ritu to face Fairtex in MMA finals

NEW DELHI: Ex-India wrestler Ritu Phogat will take on kick-boxing world champion Stamp Fairtex in the ONE Women's Atomweight orld Grand Prix Championship MMA Final on December 3. Phogat, ranked fourth, says she is leaving no stone unturned in preparing for her bout.

ICC calls-off Women's World Cup qualifiers

AGENCIES @ Dubai

The ICC on Saturday called off an ongoing qualifier for next year's Women's ODI World Cup in Harare following the emergence of a new Covid-19 variant in the African region, paving the way for Pakistan, West Indies and Bangladesh to make the cut on the basis of rankings.

Travel restrictions have been introduced from a number of African countries after detection of the new variant in South Africa stoked fears around the world.

Reds crush Southampton

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LIVERPOOL crushed Southampton 4-0 to put pressure on Premier League leaders Chelsea, while Arsenal got back on track with a 2-0 win over Newcastle as Eddie Howe suffered his first defeat as Magpies manager. Diogo Jota scored twice for Jurgen Klopp's side to warm the Anfield faithful on a bitterly cold afternoon.

Liverpool's third consecutive victory in all competitions since losing at West Ham moved them into second place. The Reds sit one point behind Chelsea, who host Manchester United on Sunday. Third-placed Manchester City would go back above Liverpool if they beat West Ham on Sunday.

Liverpool needed just two minutes to take the lead when Sadio Mane played in Andrew Robertson and the Scot's cross was perfectly weighted for Jota to finish from close range.

Jota netted again in the 32nd minute with a simple finish from Mohamed Salah's pass for his eighth club goal this term.

Thiago Alcantara had ended a lengthy goal drought in the mid-week Champions League win over Porto and the Spain midfielder was back on the scoresheet in the 37th minute when his shot deflected in off Lyanco.

FOOTBALL

Bengaluru to meet Blasters in ISL

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IF Kerala Blasters' golden boy Sahal Abdul Samad scored one of the goals of the tournament so far against ATK Mohun Bagan, he was guilty of being responsible for arguably the miss of the season against North-East United. Sahal typifies Blasters' stop-start campaign so far which could be summed up in one word - inconsistent.

The task doesn't get any easier as Blasters take on Bengaluru FC who have had an indifferent start to the campaign themselves. After a dramatic 4-2 win against the Highlanders, Marco Pezzaiuoli's slide slumped to a 3-1 defeat to Odisha FC, who showed Bengaluru that there are no easy fixtures in the tournament while Blasters are finding out that they can't oscillate between extremes.

"Well, when you start the competition, and when you start the official games, there are many things that occur during the games, and actually you have to be capable of modifying certain things during those moments. So actually, we saw in the first game that we were committing some mistakes that resulted, not in our favour. And then in the second game, we try to solve that problem, to not repeat them," said Blasters coach Vukomanovic during a virtual interaction.

BFC forward Cleiton Silva

Pezzaiuoli went as far as saying that Blasters would be their biggest test yet in the still nascent season. "They are the strongest team out of the three games," he opined. After the Odisha game, Bengaluru would be desperate to win in order to keep pace with the early pace setters, but they will not be taking Blasters lightly. Pezzaiuoli would hope for their key men upfront, including Cleiton Silva, Sunil Chhetri among others to deliver the goods.

Saturday's result: SC East Bengal 0 - 3 ATK Mohun Bagan

K'taka qualify for Santosh Trophy final round

ENS @ Bengaluru

Karnataka scored a convincing 2-0 victory over Telangana to finish with an all-win record and sail into the final round of the 75th Santosh Trophy football championship. It was a virtual final between Karnataka and Telangana as both sides had a chance to qualify, though Karnataka only needed a draw. Strikes from Solaimalai N and Bavu Nishad ensured Karnataka maintain their unbeaten record as well

In another game of the Group A event played at the Bangalore Football Stadium, Tamil Nadu scored a 1-0 win over Andhra Pradesh to finish second in the four-team group with 6 points.

Britain on Saturday confirmed its first two cases of the new Omicron strain, both linked to travel from southern Africa. "The individuals are self-isolating while contact tracing is ongoing," Health Secretary Sajid Javid said

A German regional official said Saturday that health authorities have identified the first suspected case in the country of the new Covid-19 variant, in a person who returned from South Africa

EXFILE • HEALTH

MUTANT TRIGGERS GLOBAL SCARE

The UK's health authorities have confirmed a new and 'most significant' variant of Covid-19 is officially under investigation. It's a matter of concern as it may even affect the vaccinated population. Here's what we know so far about the new strain, B.1.1.529, christened by the WHO as Omicron

IDENTIFIED IN SOUTH AFRICA

It's the most-heavily mutated version discovered so far. First identified in South Africa at the start of this week, the strain has already spread to neighbouring countries, including Botswana, where it has been reportedly detected in fully vaccinated people

EVASIVE TO VAX IMMUNITY

According to the UK Health Security Agency, the variant includes a large number of spike protein mutations as well as mutations in other parts of the viral genome which could potentially be more transmissible and evasive to vaccine immunity

CHANGE IN VIRUS BEHAVIOUR:

B.1.1.529

has potentially biologically significant mutations which may change the behaviour of the virus with regards to vaccines, treatments and transmissibility

50+ SPIKE PROTEINS

The new variant is believed to have as many as 50 spike mutations. Spike proteins are what viruses use to get into human cells, and some vaccines work by training the body to recognise the spikes and neutralise them

SOUTH AFRICA RALLIES

South Africa insisted its capacity to test and its ramped-up vax programme, backed up by a world-class scientific community, should give global partners the comfort that they were doing well in managing the pandemic

MEANING OF OMICRON

Omicron traces its roots to Greek alphabet, and is the its 15th letter, which transliterated into English would be vowel 'o'. The word translates as 'o micron' which means small in contrast to omega, the last letter of alphabet

GENOME SEQUENCE UPLOADED

The first genomes of the new variant were uploaded to the GISAID, a global science database, on November 22. Genomes have now been uploaded from South Africa, Botswana and Hong Kong, with a total of 59 cases reported, but the extent of spread is not yet determined

SCARY NUMBERS

50 MUTATIONS

50+ SPIKE PROTEINS

10 MUTATIONS ON THE RECEPTOR BINDING DOMAIN, COMPARED TO TWO FOR THE DELTA VARIANT

100+ CASES LINKED TO THIS VARIANT IN SOUTH AFRICA

What the researchers are studying

RELATION BETWEEN SPIKE PROTEIN AND VAX

A spike protein is the target of most vaccines and is what the virus uses to unlock access to our body's cells. Researchers are still trying to confirm whether this makes it more transmissible or lethal than earlier variants

MORE DANGEROUS THAN DELTA?

There are 10 mutations on the receptor binding domain part of the variant, compared to two for the Delta variant. The Delta Plus, which mutated from the Delta, is characterised by the K417N mutation on the spike protein; this has been linked to immune escape. It is unclear if this is among the mutations in B.1.1.529

SINGLE-PATIENT THEORY

There is speculation on the variant's origin, but it may have evolved from a single patient. Francois Balloux, the Director of the London-based UCL Genetics Institute, has said it "likely evolved during a chronic infection of an immuno-compromised person, possibly in an untreated HIV/AIDS patient"

RT-PCR NEGATIVE, BUT STILL COVID POSITIVE

Two cases have been detected in Hong Kong, where travellers with Pfizer jab inoculation from parts of southern Africa, were isolated in separate rooms. Samples had very high viral loads. "PCR Ct values of 18 and 19... insanely high considering they were negative on recent PCR tests," doctors said

TELEWORKING

Experts pick holes in Lisbon's new WFH laws

COVID

LISBON: Portugal's new law on working from home makes the European Union country sound like a workers' paradise. Companies can't attempt to contact their staff outside working hours. They must help staff pay for their home gas, electric and internet bills. Bosses are forbidden from using digital software to track what their teleworkers are doing.

There's just one problem: the law might not work. Critics say the new rules are half-baked, short on detail and unfeasible. And they may even backfire by making companies reluctant to allow working from home at all. "The law is badly written and doesn't meet anybody's needs," says José Pedro Anacoreta, an employment attorney at PLMJ, one of Portugal's main law firms. "It's no good for anyone. ... It doesn't make any sense."

In many places around the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated a prior trend toward the digitalization of work and more flexible work arrangements. Amid such a sudden and massive shift in the employment landscape, governments are scrambling to accommodate working from home in their employment laws. Those efforts are largely still in their infancy.

Many Europeans have stopped going into the office regularly since March last year to help curb the spread of COVID-19. In Europe, unlike in the United States, worker protections are widely regarded as cherished entitlements. Laying off a staff member, for instance, can entail substantial severance pay. Without a promised European Commission directive on how to legally frame the shift to more extensive working from home, governments' legislative responses have been patchy and piecemeal.

During the pandemic some countries have recommended teleworking. Others — like Portugal — have demanded it. Most EU countries have specific legislation on teleworking, though with different approaches, and others are considering it through amendments, extensions or conventions.

As home working grew in recent years, workers' "right to disconnect" — allowing staff to ignore work matters outside formal working hours — was adopted before the pandemic in countries such as Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Belgium. It is now becoming the standard.

But Portugal is taking that concept a step further, by flipping the onus onto companies. "The employer has a duty to refrain from contacting the employee outside working hours, except in situations of force majeure," meaning an unanticipated or uncontrollable event, states the new law.

Also, parents or caregivers with children up to eight years old have the right to work from home if they choose, as long as the type of work they do is compatible with teleworking.

Fines for companies breaking the law go up to almost 10,000 euros ($11,200) for each infringement.

The Portuguese rules are meant to address the downside of what has become known as WFH.

WORLD SCURRIES TO TACKLE NEW STRAIN

A clutch of countries bans travel to southern Africa as cases spread; world leaders meet to thrash out pandemic treaty

COVID

THE HAGUE: With each passing hour, new restrictions were being slapped on travel from countries in southern Africa as the world scurried on Saturday to contain a new variant of the coronavirus that has the potential to be more resistant to the protection offered by vaccines.

A host of countries, including Australia, Brazil, Canada Iran, Japan, Thailand and the United States, joined others, including the European Union and the UK in impose restrictions on southern African countries in response to warnings over the transmissability of the new variant — against the advice of the WHO.

Despite the shutdown of flights, there was increasing evidence that the variant is already spreading. Cases have been reported in travelers in Belgium, Israel and Hong Kong, and Germany also has a probable case. Dutch authorities are checking for the new variant after 61 passengers on two flights from South Africa tested positive for COVID-19.

The global health body has named the new variant omicron, labeling it a variant of concern because of its high number of mutations and some early evidence that it carries a higher degree of infection than other variants. That means people who contracted COVID-19 and recovered could be subject to catching it again. It could take weeks to know if current vaccines are less effective against it. With so much uncertainty about the omicron variant and scientists unlikely to flesh out their findings for a few weeks, countries around the world have been taking a safety-first approach, in the knowledge that previous outbreaks of the pandemic have been partly fueled by lax border policies.

"It seems to spread rapidly," U.S. President Joe Biden said Friday of the new variant, only a day after celebrating the resumption of Thanksgiving gatherings for millions of American families and the sense that normal life was coming back at least for the vaccinated. In announcing new travel restrictions, he told reporters, "I've decided that we're going to be cautious."

Nearly two years on since the start of the pandemic that has claimed more than 5 million lives around the world, countries are on high alert. A German official said that there's a "very high probability" that the omicron variant has already arrived in the country.

The variant's swift spread among young people in South Africa has alarmed health professionals even though there was no immediate indication whether the variant causes more severe disease. In just two weeks, omicron has turned a period of low transmission in the country into one of rapid growth.

A number of pharmaceutical firms, including AstraZeneca, Moderna, Novavax and Pfizer, said they have plans in place to adapt their vaccines in light of the emergence of omicron.

Professor Andrew Pollard, the director of the Oxford Vaccine Group which developed the AstraZeneca vaccine, expressed cautious optimism that existing vaccines could be effective at preventing serious disease from the omicron variant.

41K-year-old ivory pendant discovered

HISTORY

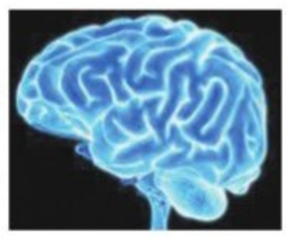
AN intricately decorated ivory pendant made from mammoth bone has been discovered in Poland, and may be the oldest example of ornate jewellery found in Eurasia yet. The pendant dates back around 41,500 years, placing it within the record of the earliest dispersals of Homo sapiens in Europe. It features patterns of over 50 puncture marks in an irregular looping curve, and two complete holes, which could represent hunting tallies or lunar notations, according to the researchers from the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. "If the Stajnia pendant's looping curve indicates a lunar analemma or kill scores will remain an open question," said Adam Nadachowski, co-author of the study. The pendant was discovered in Poland's Stajnia Cave in 2010. Now, researchers have used radiocarbon dating to assess its age, concluding it dates back around 41,500 years.

MASK UP OR...

A cyclist wearing mask rides in the center of Bordeaux, southern France, on Saturday. Masks have been made mandatory again in the streets of downtown Bordeaux. Violators have been threatened with compulsory quarantine or fine | AFP

BRAIN SLICE KEPT ALIVE

MEDICINE



A one-centimeter slice of a human brain was kept alive in a petri dish for the first time, in a breakthrough study that will help find new drugs and treatments for fatal diseases. Led by Emma Louise Louth with the University of Copenhagen, a group of scientists extracted a piece of brain tissue from a patient's cortex and quickly began a new process to ensure it survived. The team first cooled down the tissue, keeping it oxygenated so cells stayed alive, and then placed the small piece in a mixture ions and minerals – the same ingredients found in cerebral spinal fluid. Louth shared that she and her team were able to keep the brain tissue alive for 12 hours, allowing for studies that have only been possible with animals.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Wildfires due to extinction

PALEONTOLOGY

The loss of Earth's grazing megafauna between 50,000–7,000 years ago led to a dramatic increase in grassland fires across the globe, a study has determined. These large herbivores — which included the iconic woolly mammoth, giant bison and ancient horses — are thought to have gone extinct as the climate warmed. Experts led from Yale University, however, have now shown that their loss had knock-on effects — with the grasses they were no longer eating providing fuel for wildfires. The team added that their findings highlight the need to consider the role of herbivores when predicting global fire activity in the present and the future. The research was undertaken by palaeoecologist Allison Karp of Yale University and her colleagues.

PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE

Boys are more prone to lack of praise, humiliation in sports

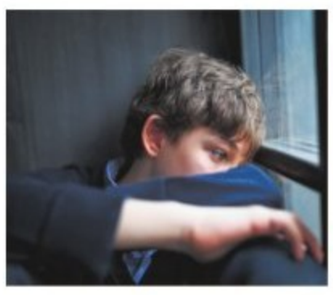
RESEARCH

MONACO: Three-quarters of children have faced abuse in sport and boys are more likely to be victims than girls, a study of more than 10,000 individuals in six European countries released on Saturday shows.

The most common form of abuse suffered by children taking part in sport outside of school was psychological, ranging from a lack of praise to humiliating treatment, the European Union-funded study shows. Nearly two-thirds of those polled for the Child Abuse in Sport: European Statistics (CASES) study said they had suffered psychological abuse while 44 percent had experienced physical violence.

The report's lead author, Professor Mike Hartill of Edge Hill University in England, said the findings show those who govern sport in Europe have done "too little" to safeguard children in sport and must do "far more than producing policy".

"Our findings are obviously of great concern. We have seen a number of high-profile cases of child abuse in sport in recent times, but this research helps us to understand the scale of the problem more clearly," Hartill said. The study, led by Edge Hill University and the University of Wuppertal in Germany, questioned individuals aged between 18 and 30 who had taken part in sport when they were under 18. The highest incidence was among children who had competed internationally -- 84 percent at that level had experienced some form of abuse.



Hartill, a specialist in the sociology of sport, said the absence of praise or encouragement was often cited as a form of abuse. "Withholding praise from children can be damaging. You can imagine that it could go from a mild occurrence to it being used as grooming for more serious abuse," he said, speaking at a symposium to launch the study at the headquarters of World Athletics in Monaco.

A total of 10,302 individuals were questioned in Austria, the Wallonia region of Belgium, Germany, Romania, Spain and Britain. They were asked to complete an online questionnaire distributed by polling company Ipsos MORI, with interesting answers triggering further questions.

The highest prevalence of abuse was in Belgium at 80 percent while the lowest was in Austria (70 percent).

Across all countries, with the exception of Austria, boys were significantly more likely to experience violence.Co-author Professor Bettina Rulofs said one finding in particular had surprised the researchers: "It is remarkable to have more males in the category of contact sexual violence than girls."

The authors said the report showed that many sports bodies had failed to widen their policies beyond safeguards against sexual violence to take in psychological issues.

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